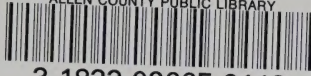






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# Report of Budget Committee

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P. T. ADDITON, Chairman

A. L. ELLMS

C. E. JEWETT

F. L. HASELTINE, Clerk

Art. 9	\$2,800 00
Art. 10	500 00
Art. 11	950 00
Art. 13	1,000 00
Art. 14	300 00
Art. 15	500 00
Art. 16	75 00
Art. 17	400 00
Art. 18	100 00
Art. 20	\$300.00 provided that the town votes to expend the third class construction money on Chandler Hill, if not, the sum of \$1,000.00
Art. 21	450 00
Art. 22	50 00
Art. 23	48 00
Art. 24	20 00
Art. 25	No recommendation
Art. 26	No recommendation

F. L. HASELTINE, Clerk

Allen County Public Library  
900 Webster Street  
PO Box 2270  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801-2270



# Town Warrant

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To Frank G. Laughton, constable of the Town of Ripley  
in the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

## GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the 2nd day of March, 1942 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners and vote their compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library, a fire ward, and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school house repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition.

Recommended by Budget Com.    \$2,800.00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges in summer.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$500.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Recommended by the Budget Com. \$950.

Art. 12. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to expend the money raised to maintain the town ways and highways during the snow season or act anything thereon.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of poor.

Recommended by the Budget Com. \$1,000.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$300.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$500.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of the Crocker Library.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$75.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid Highways.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$400.

Art. 18. To grant and raise a sum of money for early patrol and cutting bushes on improved roads.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$100.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to expend the third class money in rebuilding Chandler Hill, or act anything thereon.

Recommended by Budget Com. Yes



Art. 20. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of Third Class and Special Resolve roads.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$300. provided the town votes to expend the 3rd Class money on Chandler Hill. If not the sum of \$1,000.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$450.

Art. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$50. to purchase snow fence, or act anything thereon.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$50.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$48. for street lights or act anything thereon.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$48.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum or \$20.00 for public health nurse.

Recommended by Budget Com. \$20.

Art. 25. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes.

Recommended by Budget Com. None

Art. 26. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise for Memorial Day.

Recommended by Budget Com. None

Art. 27. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the joint State Aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to State Aid roads in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.

Art. 28. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the Third Class apportionment for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to Third Class roads, in excess of the requirements of Section 1, Chapter 207, P. L. 1939.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to expend the State Aid money in rebuilding Woodcock Hill, or act anything thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to expend the State Aid money from the Dexter town line westerly or act anything thereon.

Art. 31. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes.

Art. 32. To choose a tax collector, and vote his compensation.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to enter into an amendment of the contract with Central Maine Power Company effective January 17, 1940 to include the following described line extensions situated in said town and which was constructed before the execution of said contract.

Beginning at a point where the company's distribution system now ends on the Dexter-Ripley Road; thence extending along said Dexter-Ripley Road to a point where it intersects the Ellms Road; thence extending along the Ellms Road eight-tenths (.8) of a mile to the residence of A. L. Ellms and Charles M. Ellms.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the town the amendment to the contract with Central Maine Power Company referred to in the preceding vote.

Art. 35. To see what action the town will take in regard to plowing door yards.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to buy new wings for the snow plows.

Art. 37. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1942-43, and instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 38. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 18th day of February A. D. 1942.

JAMES M. LAUGHTON

H. L. BANE

J. CHESTER FARRAR

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.



# Report of Assessors

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Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1942

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1941

Resident real estate	\$ 109,490 00
Non-resident real estate	32,910 00
Resident personal estate	26,649 00
Non-resident personal estate	2,375 00

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Total Valuation	\$ 171,424 00
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Tax rate \$60.00 per \$1,000.00

Number of polls taxed 102

Number of polls exempt 11

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK

	Average Val.	Total Val.
72 horses	\$87 22	\$ 6,280 00
1 colt	75 00	75 00
310 cows	29 75	9,225 00
1 ox	50 00	50 00
137 3-yr. olds	27 73	3,800 00
144 2-yr olds	22 29	3,210 00
Swine (over 10 in number) 6	12 50	75 00
Poultry (over 50 in number) 188	50	94 00

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\$ 22,809 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

8 draft colts	\$72 00	\$ 575 00
134 yearlings	10 00	134 00
154 sheep	7 00	1,068 00
75 swine	9 00	687 00
1003 poultry	50	543 00
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		\$ 3,007 00

## TAXES ASSESSED IN 1941

Assessed on 102 polls	\$ 306 00	
Assessed on resident real estate	6,569 40	
Assessed on non-res. real estate	1,974 60	
Assessed on res. personal estate	1,598 94	
Assessed on non-res. personal est.	142 50	
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		\$ 10,591 44
Supplemental		3 00
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Total commitment		\$ 10,594 44

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1941

Support of Schools	\$ 2,800 00
Town ways and bridges	300 00
Snow removal	950 00
Support of poor	750 00
Miscellaneous	400 00
Interest	650 00
Crocker Free Library	75 00
Maint. State Aid Highways	400 00
Maint. of 3rd Class & Special	
Resolve Roads	300 00
Cutting bushes	100 00
Street lights	48 00
Public Health Nurse	20 00
Retiring outstanding loans	500 00
Memorial Day	15 00

Floors for school houses	125 00
Killing poison ivy at Head of Pond	
School	15 00
Repairing road from Lane's Corner	
to Lancaster's	100 00
Repairing road from Ellms' Corner to	
Kittridge Corner	200 00
Jewett Road	200 00
Purchase of snow fence	100 00
State Aid construction	450 00
State tax	1,334 05
County tax	294 16
Overlay	465 23

Commitment	\$ 10,591 44
Supplemental	3 00
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	\$ 10,594 44

## ABATEMENTS

Garnett Bubar	
Pd. in Harmony	3 00
Adelbert Decker, pd. in Saco	3 00
L. R. Decker, pd. in Saco	3 00
DeLoss Robinson	
Age exemption	3 00
Wallace Cooley	
Age exemption	3 00
Robert Briggs, In U. S. Army	3 00
Raymond Meader, In U. S. Army	3 00
Fred Pearl, uncollectable	3 00
Coburn Cooley, pd. in Dexter	3 00
Discount on taxes pd. prior	
July 10	157 29
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	\$ 184 29

J. M. LAUGHTON

H. L. BANE

CHESTER FARRAR

Assessors of Ripley.



## Report of Overseers of Poor

## Resident

Fred Alton

Groceries	\$	140	42	
Clothing		28	42	
Board		9	00	
Medical		3	50	
		<u>          </u>	\$	181 34

Frank Alton

Glasses	\$ 10 00
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## H. N. Bowdoin

Groceries	\$	21	28	
Fuel		13	00	
		<u>          </u>	\$	34 28

Floyd Rummary

Groceries	\$	3 20	
Fuel		15 75	
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	\$		18 95

Coburn Cooley

Medical	\$ 6 00
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## Edward Wheeler

Medical	\$ 70 00
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## Family of Soldier No. 1

Groceries	\$	223	73
Medical		171	60

Clothing	37 03	
Rent	98 34	
Board	231 60	
Fuel	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 766 80

## State

## Harry Hardy Family

Board and care, Lydia Hardy	\$ 553 00	
Clothing	5 76	
Medical	4 00	
Board and care, Robert	182 50	
Clothing	15 21	
Medical	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 761 97

## Marvin Hamilton

Medical, Mrs. Hamilton	\$ 128 00
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## Vagrants

\$ 1 50
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J. M. LAUGHTON

H. L. BANE

CHESTER FARRAR

Overseers of the Poor.

## Report of Selectmen

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Cash balance Feb. 1, 1941      \$    127 87

### Receipts:

Temporary loan	1,000 00
State pauper account	1,133 92
School equalization fund	1,221 00
Sale town property	176 20
1941 Excise tax	313 58
1942 Excise tax	182 93
Snow removal	2,029 77
Use of road grader	58 00
Bounty on porcupine	3 00
Bank stock	6 11
Special resolve	344 00
State Aid	713 71
Unimproved road	321 97
Federal Farm Security	111 72
Dog tax	67 00
Third class maintenance	10 00
Rummery property	11 60
1937 tax	17 88
1939 taxes and liens	692 01
1940 taxes and liens	930 08
1941 taxes	8,882 11

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Total Receipts                      \$ 18,354 46

Warrants Drawn                      \$ 18,256 05

Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1942                      \$        98 41



## WELFARE SECTION

Appropriation	\$	750 00	
Received from State		1,133 92	
Total receipts	\$		1,883 92
Warrants drawn	\$		1,978 84
Overdrawn	\$		94 92

## EDUCATIONAL SECTION

Appropriation	\$	2,800 00	
Equalization fund, State		1,221 00	
School fund, State		1,328 20	
Interest on school fund		32 43	
Special appropriation, floor		125 00	
		\$	5,506 63
Warrants drawn	\$		5,085 31
Unexpended			421 32
Old overdraft			777 94
Present overdraft	\$		356 62
Special appropriation, floors	\$		125 00
Flooring purchased	\$	187 50	
Trucking		5 00	
Total receipts	\$		192 50
Overdrawn	\$		67 50

## HIGHWAY SECTION

## Winter

Appropriation	\$	950 00
State reimbursement		2,029 77

Special appropriation for  
snow fence

100 00

Total Receipts

\$ 3,079 77

Warrants drawn:

Labor on snow fence	\$ 466 33
Snow fence posts	9 66
Snow fence	98 00
Labor on sand piles	152 98
Sand	10 95
Salt	60 25
Repairs on plows	217 98
Gas, oil, etc., tractor	29 16
Wire for snow fence	35 00
Labor, plowing & sanding	834 52

Total warrants

\$ 1,914 83

Unexpended

\$ 1,164 94

#### SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	\$ 100 00
Fence bought, 1400 ft.	98 00

Unexpended

\$ 2 00

#### SUMMER

Appropriation	\$ 300 00
Warrants drawn	242 97

Unexpended

\$ 57 03

#### POND ROAD

Appropriation	\$ 100 00
Warrants drawn	97 20

Unexpended

\$ 2 80

## MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROAD

(Gas Tax)

Apportioned by State	\$	356 85	
Warrants drawn		322 21	
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Unexpended	\$		34 64

## SUMMER ROADS

## LANE ROAD

Appropriation	\$	200 00	
Warrants drawn		192 73	
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Unexpended	\$		7 27

## JEWETT ROAD

Appropriation	\$	200 00	
Warrants drawn		204 20	
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Overdrawn	\$		4 20

## MAINTENANCE OF S. A. HIGHWAY

Appropriation	\$	400 00	
State deduction		379 80	
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Unexpended	\$		20 20

## MAINTENANCE OF THIRD CLASS HIGHWAYS

Appropriation	\$	300 00	
Warrants drawn		214 26	
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Unexpended	\$		85 74

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	\$	100 00	
Warrants drawn		101 55	
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Overdrawn	\$		1 55



## STATE AID ACCOUNT

Length of Road Built 1950 ft.	
Appropriation	\$ 450 00
Available from State	1,575 00
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Total Receipts	\$ 2,025 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 1,556 03
State deduction (Shovel)	108 00
State deduction (Grader)	2 00
1940 Overdraft	76 86
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Total warrants	\$ 1,742 89
Unexpended	\$ 282 11

## SPECIAL RESOLVE

Available from State, 1941	\$ 350 00
State Deduction	6 00
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Received from State	\$ 344 00
Warrants drawn	593 67
Hired this year	\$ 249 67
Available from State 1942	350 00
Number of feet built 500	

## LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 75 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 75 00

## HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 20 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 20 00

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$ 48 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 48 00

## STATE TAX

Assessed	\$	1,334 05	
1940 Dog License Deficiency		61 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,395 05
Credit from State on Schools	\$	1,328 20	
Dog licenses refunded		5 78	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,333 98
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## COUNTY TAX

Assessed by County	\$	294 16	
Warrant drawn			\$ 294 16

## POISON IVY AT HEAD OF POND SCHOOL

Appropriation	\$	15 00	
Warrants drawn			\$ 15 00

## INTEREST

Appropriation	\$	650 00	
Warrants drawn		588 50	
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Unexpended			\$ 71 50

## OVERLAY

Assessed by Selectmen	\$	465 23	
Transferred to Miscellaneous			\$ 465 23

## MEMORIAL

Appropriation	\$	15 00	
Warrants drawn		2 20	
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Unexpended			\$ 12 80

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1941-1942

Appropriations by Town	\$	8,498 00
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State Tax	1,334 05
County Tax	294 16
Overlay	465 23
Supplemental	3 00

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Committed to collector	\$ 10,594 44
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	\$ 400 00
Interest and costs on Tax Liens	13 58
Overlay	465 23
Cash on hand	127 87
1941 Excise Tax	313 58
1942 Excise Tax	182 93
Use of Grader	58 00
Bounty on Porcupine	3 00
Sale of Town Property	176 20
Bank Stock	6 11
Hamilton Farm	111 72

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Total Receipts	\$ 1,858 22
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Warrants Drawn	1,575 32
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Unexpended	\$ 282 90
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## DISTRIBUTION OF MISCELLANEOUS WARRANTS

Officers' salaries	\$ 645 10
Collector's commission	266 18
Legal Advice	58 90
Hall	54 63
Town Reports	59 14
Auditor	92 50
Bank Service	6 73
Flag Pole	5 00
Fire Truck	5 00
Road Machine Blades	18 00
B. H. Litchfield	19 92
Constable's Badge	1 95



Tax on Town Property	14 60
Insurance on Town Building	53 75
Register of Deeds	10 50
Miscellaneous	9 50
Work on Cemetery Fence	5 00
Harlan Wilkins, lumber	63 92
Traveling expense	81 75
Old age assistance	103 25

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Total Warrants	\$ 1,575 32
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## 1941 TAXES

Receipts cash	\$ 8,882 11
Discount before July 10th	157 29
Abatements	27 00

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Total Receipts	\$ 9,066 40
Commitments	10,594 44

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Uncollected 1941 Tax	\$ 1,528 04
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## 1941 DELINQUENT TAXES

Names	Real			Total
	Poll	Estate	Personal	
Frank Alton	\$ 3 00	\$	\$ 60	\$ 3 60
Henry Bell	3 00			3 00
Ernest Cooley	3 00	3 00		6 00
Donald Hopkins		17 70		17 70
Chas. Kittridge	3 00	132 00	13 50	148 50
Roland Kittridge		47 40		47 40
Marie Kimball		42 00		42 00
Marie Kimball		30 00		30 00
Stora Kimball			34 20	34 20
Heirs of Mrs. John Lane		96 00		96 00
Heirs of Roy Lane		6 00	5 10	11 10
Frank G. Laughton		65 90		65 90
Vernard Lancaster		36 00	2 40	38 40
Weston Mills		54 00		54 00
George MacDougal	3 00		38 10	41 10
Robert Neal		38 78		38 78

Andrew Nelson		15 00	60	15 60
Elmer Pingree	3 00	90 00	6 60	99 60
Lester Pingree		15 27		15 27
Roscoe Philbrick		60 00	29 10	89 10
Leslie Rees		123 00	31 88	154 88
Albert Sevey		21 60	43 20	64 80
Adelma Sevey		127 50		127 50
K. C. Sampson	3 00			3 00
M. L. Thurston		90 00	20 10	110 10
John Wakefield		12 75		12 75
Clyde Willard		54 00	4 76	58 76
Charles Worden			6 00	6 00

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\$ 21 00	\$1,177 90	\$236 14	\$1,435 04
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## Non-resident

John Arno	78 00		78 00
L. R. Damon	4 50		4 50
Lemuel Morrill	6 00		6 00
J. C. French		4 50	4 50

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\$ 88 50	\$ 4 50	\$ 93 00
		\$ 1,528 04

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## 1940 TAXES

Balance forward	\$ 1,682 39
Cash Receipts	\$ 916 50
Outstanding Liens	550 86
Abatements	147 40
	<hr/> \$ 1,614 76

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Uncollected 1940 taxes	\$ 68 13
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## Resident

Coburn Cooley	\$ 10 66
George MacDougal	22 85
Elmer Pingree	8 45
Albert Sevey	19 08
K. C. Sampson	3 00

## Non-Resident

J. E. French	4 09
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## 1939 TAXES

Balance forward	\$	79 99
Cash Receipts	\$	79 99

## 1938 TAXES

Balance forward Feb. 1, 1941	\$	29 51
Balance Due Feb. 1, 1942	\$	29 51

## 1941 EXCISE TAX

Receipts	\$	313 58
Transferred to Misc.	\$	313 58

## 1942 EXCISE TAX

Receipts	\$	182 93
Transferred to Misc.	\$	182 93

## LOANS

Outstanding Notes	\$	11,530 00
Library Trust Fund		850 00
Cemetery Trust Fund		1,061 54

Outstanding notes Feb. 1, 1941	\$	13,441 54
School Fund Grant	\$	540 55

Appropriation to apply on

loans	\$	500 00
From unexpended balances		1,500 00
Retired on outstanding notes		2,000 00
Outstanding notes Feb. 1, 1942	\$	11,441 54
Hired during year (temporary loan)		1,000 00
Retired during year (temporary loan)		1,000 00

## Financial Assets

Cash on Hand	\$	98 41
Garnett Bubar's note on mort- gage		600 00
Albert Sevey's note on mort- gage		700 00

Frank Alton place	200 00
1941 taxes	1,528 04
1940 taxes	68 13
1940 tax liens	550 86
1939 tax liens	91 18
1938 taxes	29 51
Due from State (Pauper Acc't)	205 00
Pig iron	300 00
Road Salt	20 00

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Total Assets	\$ 4,391 13
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## Liabilities

Notes	\$ 9,530 00
Trust Funds	1,911 54

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Outstanding liabilities	\$ 11,441 54
Net town debt	7,050 41
School Fund Grant	540 55

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LAUGHTON  
H. L. BANE  
CHESTER FARRAR

Selectmen of Ripley.



## Report of Treasurer

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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1941	\$	127 87	
Receipts		18,226 59	
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Total receipts	\$	18,354 46	
Paid in Selectmen's warrants		18,256 05	
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Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1942	\$	98 41	

### LIBRARY FUND

Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1941			
Town note	\$	850 00	
Cash		94 20	
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Total	\$	944 20	
Int. on note	\$	34 00	
From State		7 50	
Fines and dues		2 50	
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	\$	988 20	
Paid for books and supplies		35 18	
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	\$	953 02	
Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1942			
Town note	\$	850 00	
Cash		103 02	
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Total	\$	953 02	

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town note	\$	1,061 54	
Int. paid for care of lots			\$ 42 46

## 1940 TAX LIENS UNPAID FEB. 1, 1942

		Int. & costs
Marie Kimball	\$ 25 35	\$ 2 21
Leroy Perkins	33 15	2 28
Robert Neal	39 70	2 33
Elmer Pingree	81 75	2 68
Lester Pingree	54 50	2 45
Lester Pingree	8 18	2 07
Leslie Rees	106 28	2 87
Leslie Rees	5 45	2 05
A. C. Randall	11 20	2 09
A. L. Sevey	61 31	2 51
A. L. Sevey	8 17	2 07
John Sevey	106 28	2 87
Lemuel Morrill	5 45	2 05
L. R. Damon	4 09	2 03
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	\$ 550 86	

Respectfully submitted,  
 F. L. HASELTINE,  
 Treas. of Ripley.

## Report of Town Clerk

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1941

### Births

- Aug. 12 To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jewett, a son.  
Sept. 4 To Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, a daughter.  
Dec. 5 To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Gould, a son.

1941

### Marriages

- March 8 Mr. Edward Alphonso Wheeler and Mrs. Carmen Scott.  
March 8 Mr. Stillman Weston Larrabee and Miss Eva Mary Wheeler.  
March 16 Mr. Roscoe Clayton Philbrick and Miss Crystal Arline Cookson.  
March 23 Mr. Melvin Edwin Hamilton and Miss Florence Packard.  
June 21 Mr. Richard H. Ramsay and Miss Ethelyn R. Additon.  
June 21 Mr. Andrew Marcellus Laughton and Miss June W. Barstow.  
Oct. 4 Mr. Clifton Edward Drake and Marguerite Estella Lane.  
Oct. 19 Mr. Allinson Stewart Bubar and Miss Kathleen Frances Harding.  
Nov. 19 Mr. Edward Pearl Woodbury and Miss Ethel Fay Hight.

1941

### Deaths

- March 14 George Melvin Nutter, age 80 yrs., 10 mos., 13 das.

Aug. 5 Alfred J. Philbrick, age 69 yrs., 3 mos., 2 das.  
Nov. 12 Darrell Bruce Glidden, age 2 mos., 12 das.  
Dec. 3 Willard W. Gerry, age 89 yrs., 1 mo., 11 das.  
Dec. 14 Clara Belle Skillings, age 75 yrs., 11 mos., 4  
das.

Respectfully submitted,  
ADELMA SEVEY,  
Town Clerk.



# Report of Road Commissioner

	Summer	3rd Class	Maint.	State Aid	Jewett Rd.	Special	Resolve	Lane Rd.	Winter	Snow	Fence	Gas Tax	Bushes	Dexter Pond Rd.
Bane, H. L.		6 75	32 50			61 83	29 25		5 20	63 00		54 24		
Bucknam & Mountain						2 94			35 00					
Kittridge, Roland		5 60	18 62			36 10			16 25	36 00				
Sevey, Roy	70				10 50	24 82			11 05	17 40				
Kittridge, Wilson						3 99				3 00				
Buzzell, Harry		2 80				3 04				7 00				
Vittum, Frank						95								
Gould, Harry	37 75	11 20	204 39		32 63	77 29	27 00		19 20	59 06		54 24		
Bubar, James						81 40	9 00		29 95	43 89		36 16		
Kittridge, Malcolm						3 04								
Mc Graw, Blake						22 23								
Bubar, Laurel						33 44			17 20	38 63				
Ellms, Lamont						5 20								
Cooley, Wallace			7 60			10 64			2 70	10 37				
Neal, Robert						15 20								

Graves, George	8 40	1 25	3 04	16 15	8 40	1 20	13 37		
Sevey, Charles			9 45	8 54		29 00		61 68	7 00
Nutter, George				12 16					
Sevey, Elmer	117 69	130 45	54 12	24 60	46 21	142 52	3 00	28 00	32 80
Farrar, Raymond	6 75	28 00	163 59	52 27	18 00	351 24		2 26	
Bane, Cecil	2 25		58 81	42 43					35 00
Pingree, Lester	70		46 54	6 08		11 20	22 50		27 00
N. E. M. Culvert Co.			53 92	30 63					
Phinney, Harlan				13 80				9 15	
Stinneford, W.	2 70		24 60	5 40		5 55	14 53	23 50	
Butler, Fred		8 40	11 40					3 04	
Rumery, Albra	5 60		54 91					12 16	
Stafford, K. O.	3 08		4 90			5 53			
Bubar, Allinson						14 40	22 50		14 00
Brown, Lee	1 40	4 38			7 00	12 80	48 63		9 80
Randall, A. C.	1 40		84 74		15 40		4 00	15 20	4 20
Watt, C. C.		4 80			5 20				7 20
Jones, Charles							3 00		
Bangs, Jensen						1 00	16 45		
Downing, Charles							6 00		
Sawyer, Harold						6 00	3 66		7 20
Laughton, Frank G.									
Farrar, Chester						28 77			
Meader, Raymond						7 18			
Brown, Bernard						19 79			
Tewksbury, Carl						2 80			

	Summer	3rd Class Maint.	State Aid	Jewett Rd.	Special Resolve	Lane Rd.	Winter	Snow Fence	Gas Tax	Bushes	Dexter Pond Rd.
Glidden, William								15 40			
Richardson, Henry							2 80	12 60			
Skillings, Clarence							7 53	7 00			
Britton, Bert							1 75	5 00		26 60	
Felker, Neil		4 90					12 68	2 80	15 20		
Neal, Earl	7 00							2 80			
Yakemore, Alec		1 40					2 10	3 00			
Bunker, R. N.			11 72				96 77				
Bean, Elmer							4 60				
Thurston, Roy							1 60				
Bluebird Welding							14 75				
Britten, Douglas							65 87				
Kenney, Neal							2 00				
Ford & Smiley							191 48				
Shurtleffe, W. H.							158 20				
Turner, Ernest							1 40				
Packard, Myron							3 60				
Skillings, Clifton							14 53				
Bailey Motors							11 75				
Litchfield, B. H.							28 01				

Laughton, James	5 00	146 37	23 44	4 80
Scott, John			1 30	
Noble, Paul			2 00	
Hopkins, Donald	75		3 30	6 08
Young, Rodney				1 50
Willard, Clyde		8 40		
Gallagher, Charles				
Lord, Amos				
Wilkins, Harlan				
Merrill Mortgage Co.	5 40			
Vicnaire, Joe	6 00			
Fay & Scott	14 70			
Bowman, Arthur	3 60	53 60		
Rees, Leslie	10 00			
Sevey, Albert	7 50			
Butler, Harold				
Knowles, P. C.	8 93			
Sinclair, Vernald		98 23		
Chipman, Maurice		41 25		
Burpee, Harold		12 16		
Springer, Victor		13 30		
Lewis, Clair		34 44		
Williams, A. T.		19 68		
Austin, Carrol		57 62		
Cool, Delmont		34 44		
		39 36		



Summer	3rd Class Maint.	State Aid	Jewett Rd.	Special Resolve	Lane Rd.	Winter	Snow Fence	Gas Tax	Bushes	Dexter Pond Rd.
Seekins, Alfred		32 12								
Chipman, Ward		32 12								
Jones, Fred		29 52								
Springer, Delmont		12 16								
Hartwell, Leon		10 26								
Boody, Kenneth		6 08								
Palmer, Walter		21 60								
Chipman, Myron		14 40								
Pingree, E. E.		3 04								
Bane, Linwood		4 56								
Randlett, Rae		5 40								
Reynolds, Elmer		2 25								
Emery, Freeman		1 60								

# Auditor's Report for 1940-1941

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January 21, 1942

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ripley:

In accordance with instructions from your Board of Selectmen I examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, and Treasurer for the municipal year ended February 1, 1941. The results of this audit are shown in the following exhibits and schedules:

Exhibits—Comparative Balance Sheet, Report of Treasurer, Report of Tax Collector, and Statement of Appropriation Accounts.

Schedules—Uncollected Taxes, Tax Liens, Accounts Receivable, Town Property, Notes Payable, Trust Funds, and Analysis of Change in Net Debt.

Cash, as reflected in detail in reconciliation of Treasurer's cash balance in Exhibit B amounted to \$127.87. The check book balance amounting to \$12.45 was proven to the date of the audit from statements issued by the Merrill Trust Company. The cash on hand, amounting to \$115.42, was proven only by the amount of receipts issued and warrants paid, as it has been customary in the past for the treasurer to settle only annually with the town. This practice has now been changed and at all times the check book balance should reflect the actual cash book balance.

The uncollected balance of taxes and tax liens were proven only by detailed statements issued by the Collector and Treasurer, as appearing in the balance of the

report. It is to be noted, however, that while the uncollected balance of taxes as compared with the previous year have decreased approximately \$123.00, the tax liens have increased approximately \$479.00.

Accounts Receivable as shown in Schedule 3 consist only of one item due from Collector Fred Haseltine, which is the result of the audit. This occurred from error in the 1940 tax commitment and the credits allowable for 1939 taxes collected in the year of 1940.

You will please note that the trust funds as shown in schedule 6 consist of Cemetery, Library, and Ministerial and School Funds. It is my opinion that the Cemetery and Library Trust Funds have been expended illegally by the town and should be re-invested according to the requirements of Chapter 5, Section 93, of the Revised Statutes of 1935, Amended. It is further to be noted that these funds have been deleted from the assets and shown only as liabilities, thus reducing the notes payable.

Deferred assets consisting of overdrafts in the School Department and State Poor amount to \$1,233.89. The School Department overdraft is apparently caused from insufficient appropriation for schools and should be taken care of at your annual town meeting, while the State Poor account is due and payable by the State of Maine.

In further reference to the balance sheet, as reflected in Exhibit A, it is to be noted that the liabilities of the town amount to \$14,215.69, and which are actually all due and payable by the town. The constitutional debt limit amounts to only \$8,376.55, which is 5% of the assessed valuation. Thus you can see that your town is \$5,839. 14 over your legal debt limit. This liability has not been created recently and is due primarily to debts created in the past. However, definite action should be taken to reduce your liabilities and bring this debt within the constitutional limits.

In referring to Exhibit D it will be observed that appropriations in the past have not been subdivided sufficiently. This is especially true of the Support of Schools and Maintenance of Highways. In the future a separate account should be raised for maintenance and repair for school property and must not be considered as a part of the appropriation for support of schools. Further, a separate account should be raised for maintenance of Third Class Highways, although it is perfectly proper to raise a lump sum for other maintenance.

With the above mentioned exceptions the balance sheet, to the best of my knowledge and belief, reflects the true financial condition of the town as of February 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

PAUL A. SMITH,

Public Accountant and Auditor.



# COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A

## ASSETS

	February 1, 1940	February 1, 1941
	\$ 395 14	\$ 127 87
Cash		
Uncollected Taxes—Sch. 1		
1940		1,682 89
1939	1,890 24	86 77
1938	32 51	29 51
	<u>1,922 75</u>	<u>1,799 17</u>
1939 Tax Liens - Sch. 2		696 70
1938 Tax Liens	217 59	
Accounts Receivable - Sch. 3		1 84
Town Property - Sch. 4	806 88	730 93
Leavitt Farm Deed	400 00	400 00
Rumery Farm Deed	750 00	750 00
Trust Funds	1,911 54	
	<u>6,403 90</u>	<u>4,506 51</u>
Total Assets		
Deferred Assets:		
Overdrafts		
Support of Schools	638 13	777 94

# State Poor

455 95

Total Assets & Overdrafts  
Net Debt - Sch. 7

638 13

1,233 89

5,740 40

8,475 29

\$14,215 69

## LIABILITIES

Notes Payable - Sch. 5  
Trust Funds - Sch. 6

\$ 14,441 54

2,452 09

\$ 11,530 00

2,552 09

Total Liabilities  
Deferred Liabilities  
Unexpended Balances  
Old Age Assistance  
Dog Licenses

16,893 63

14,082 09

103 25

30 35

133 60

Total Liabilities &  
Unexpended Balances

\$16,893 63

\$14,215 69

## EXHIBIT B

## REPORT OF TREASURER

## Source of Receipts

## Taxes

Current Year	\$	7,705	95	
Prior Years		607	60	
Tax Liens		596	32	
Excise Tax—1940		171	52	
1941		113	08	
				\$ 9,194 47

## Departmental Receipts

From State—Highways	\$	4,743	34	
Charities		628	14	
Education		474	00	
Bank Stock Tax		6	54	

Total from State \$ 5,852 02

## From Other Sources

Administration	3	00	
Miscellaneous	169	50	
Town Property	75	95	

Total from Other Sources \$ 248 45

## Interest

On Taxes 4 24 4 24

## Municipal Indebtedness

Tax Anticipation Loans 2,000 00 2,000 00

## Trust Funds

Cemetery 100 00 100 00

## Unclassified

Dog Licenses 30 35 30 35

Total Receipts All Sources \$ 17,429 53

Cash Balance, February 1, 1940 395 14

Total Available 17,824 67

Total Warrants Paid	17,696 80
Cash Balance, February 1, 1941	\$ 127 87
Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance	
Balance per Bank Statement \$	226 70
Less Outstanding Checks	214 25
Check Book Balance	12 45
Cash on Hand	115 42
Cash Book Balance	\$ 127 87
EXHIBIT C	

### ASSESSMENT, VALUATION AND COMMITMENT

#### Valuation

Real Estate—Resident	\$ 110,115 00
Non-resident	33,035 00
	<u>\$ 143,150 00</u>
Personal Estate—Resident	\$ 22,331 00
Non-resident	2,050 00
	<u>\$ 24,381 00</u>

Total Valuation \$ 167,531 00

#### Commitment

167,531.00x54.50	\$ 9,130 44
112 palls @ 3.00	336 00
	<u>\$ 9,466 44</u>
Variance	35

Tax Commitment	9,466 79
Supplementals	26 00

Total Charged to Collector 9,492 79

#### Credits to Collector

Cash to Treasurer	7,705 95
Discount	100 61

Abatements	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,809 56
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		1,683 23
Uncollected, Feb. 1, 1941	\$	1,682 89
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Shortage due from Collector		34



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Year Ending February 1, 1941

Exhibit

Accounts	Beginning Balances	Appropriations	Cash Receipts	Transfer to	Total Credits	Cash Expenditures	Transfers to	Total Charges	Lapsed Balances Debits	Balances Credits	Forward
<b>General Government</b>											
Pay of Town Officers .....				515 25	515 25	515 25		515 25			
General Town Expense .....	300 00	185 28		781 34	1,266 62	898 44	839 92	1,738 36	471 74		
Town Hall .....				17 62	17 62	17 62		17 62			
Election Expense .....				60 00	60 00	60 00		60 00			
<b>Protection of Persons &amp; Prop.</b>											
Constable .....				10 00	10 00	10 00		10 00			
Fire .....				42 00	42 00	42 00		42 00			
Street Lights .....	48 00				48 00	48 00		48 00			
<b>Health &amp; Sanitation</b>											
Health Nurse .....	20 00				20 00	20 00		20 00			
Vital Statistics .....				9 25	9 25	9 25		9 25			
<b>Highways</b>											
Highways & Bridges .....	500 00				500 00	418 40	100 00	518 40	18 40		
Snow Removal .....	950 00	1,699 83			2,649 83	1,790 18		1,790 18		859 65	
Maintenance .....	800 00	49 70	2 91		852 61	408 97	382 71	791 68		60 93	
Unimproved Roads .....		350 15			350 15	350 17		350 17	02		
State Aid Rd. Const. ....	450 00	2,284 67	2 91		2,737 58	1,361 07	1,431 25	2,792 32	54 74		
Third Class Const. ....		352 75	379 80		732 55	902 85		902 85	170 30		
Dexter Pond Rd. ....			100 00		100 00	97 86		97 86		2 14	

Accounts	Beginning Balances	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Transfer to	Total Credits	Cash Expenditures	Transfers to	Total Charges	Lapsed Debits	Balances Credits	Balance Forward
Temporary Loans .....				20 86	20 86	20 86		20 86			
Trust Funds .....				108 89	108 89	76 46	32 43	108 89			
<b>Charities</b>											
Town Poor .....	750 00				750 00	785 53		785 53	35 53		
State Poor .....			628 14		628 14	767 48	316 61	1,084 09			455 9
Old Age Assistance .....				351 03	351 03	247 78		247 78			Cr. 103 2
<b>Education</b>											
Support of Schools .....	638 13	2,700 00	474 00	1,348 58	4,522 58	4,662 39		5,300 52			777 9
Superintendence .....				172 80	172 80	172 80		172 80			
<b>Recreation</b>											
Memorial Day .....	15 00				15 00	10 00		10 00		5 00	
Library .....	75 00				75 00	75 00		75 00			
<b>Unclassified</b>											
Overlay .....	440 66				440 66		440 66	440 66			
Excise Tax .....			284 60		284 60		284 60	284 60			
Abatements .....							168 48	168 48	168 48		
Discounts .....							100 61	100 61	100 61		
<b>Cemeteries</b>											
Maintenance .....	10 00				10 00	16 00		16 00	6 00		
<b>Interest</b>											
Permanent Loans .....	700 00				700 00	507 54	129 75	637 29		62 71	
Taxes .....				17 78	17 78					17 78	

**Municipal Indebtedness**

Temporary Loans .....  
 Agency Transactions  
 State Taxes .....  
 County Taxes .....  
 Dog Licenses .....

	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
1,386 98	13 00	1,399 98	83 75	1,316 23	1,399 98
321 15		321 15	321 15		321 15
	30 35	30 35			
638 13	9,466 79	8,339 47	3,954 02	21,760 28	16,696 80
				5,543 25	22,878 18
				1,025 82	1,008 21
					1,100

Cr. 30

SCHEDULE 1  
UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1940

Frank Alton	\$	3 00
Maurice Briggs		2 00
James Bubar		45 19
Coburn Cooley		37 61
Charles Downing		92 65
Fred Folsom		3 00
Fred Haseltine		2 00
Donald Hopkins		2 30
Charles Kittridge		2 00
Charles Jones		2 00
Roland Kittridge		42 82
Marie Kimball		38 15
P. C. Knowles		11 54
Mrs. J. H. Lane, Heirs		87 20
Vernard Lancaster		32 70
Frank C. Laughton		60 00
Amos Lord		2 00
R. W. Mills		36 14
George MacDougal		137 62
Robert Neal		39 70
Andrew Nelson		17 18
Elmer Pingree		90 20
Lester Pingree		79 66
Leroy Perkins		46 60
Philip Perkins		9 00
Leslie Rees		152 61
Walter Richardson		14 40
Albra Rummery		76 58
Floyd Rummery		3 00
A. C. Randall		11 20
Albert Sevey		2 00
A. L. Sevey		100 00
John Sevey		134 17

Ernest Turner	6 82	
Clyde Willard	37 61	
K. C. Sampson	3 00	
Fred Pearl	3 00	
Clayton Jewett	76 30	
Lemmuell Morrill	5 45	
A. M. Bailey & Son	27 25	
L. R. Damon	4 09	
Reginald Farrar	62 68	
Charles Sampson	2 73	
Harold Wing	33 65	
J. E. French	4 09	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,682 89

## 1939

Elbridge Atwater	\$ 4 43	
Maurice Briggs	2 00	
C. S. Downing	98	
P. C. Knowles	10	
George MacDougall	3 78	
Elmer Pingree	16 11	
Albra Rummery	18 53	
John Sevey	9 39	
Clyde Willard	31 45	
	<hr/>	\$ 86 77

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SCHEDULE 2

## 1939 TAX LIENS

Vernard Lancaster	\$ 36 13
Heirs of Mrs. John Lane	67 31
Frank G. Laughton	70 76
Leroy Perkins	36 13
Elmer E. Pingree	88 07
Lester Pingree	10 15
Lester Pingree	56 33
Leslie W. Rees	7 27



Leslie W. Rees	114 04	
Albra Rummery	4 37	
Albra Rummery	24 49	
Albra Rummery	64 72	
John Sevey	116 93	
	<hr/>	\$ 696 70

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### SCHEDULE 3

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Fred Haseltine	\$ 1 84
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### SCHEDULE 4

#### TOWN PROPERTY

Wheeler Farm	
Hill Heirs and Stewart Farm	\$ 715 05
Mitchell Property	15 88
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	\$ 730 93

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### SCHEDULE 5

#### NOTES PAYABLE

Name	No. of Note	Date Issued	Amt.	Rate of Pur- Int. pose
Don C. Hamlin	68	Feb. 1, 1940	2000 00	4½% *T. L.
J. Edward Page	67	Feb. 16, 1940	1000 00	4% *T. L.
H. L. Wakefield	66	Feb. 2, 1940	200 00	4% *T. L.
J. Chester Farrar	65	Nov. 14, 1939	1000 00	4% *T. L.
Gertrude Farrar	61	Mar. 21, 1939	800 00	4% *T. L.
John Wakefield	58	Oct. 15, 1938	800 00	4% *T. L.
Fannie Hemenway	57	Nov. 18, 1938	200 00	4% *T. L.
F. L. & B. Haseltine	56	Nov. 18, 1938	200 00	4% *T. L.

Eva Ellins	53	June 2, 1938	300 00	4%	*T. f..
Clyde Hemenway	52	June 10, 1938	550 00	4%	*T. L.
John Jewett	50	June 1, 1938	1000 00	4%	*T. L.
B. H. Litchfield	49	June 10, 1938	300 00	4%	*T. L.
J. & V. Wakefield	47	June 1, 1938	380 00	4%	*T. L.
Trustees, Dexter					
Meth. Church	45	May 13, 1938	600 00	4%	*T. L.
J. D. Robinson	44	May 11, 1938	600 00	4%	*T. L.
Don C. Hamlin	29	Oct. 15, 1935	1600 00	4½%	*T. L.

\* Temporary Loans

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## SCHEDULE 6

### TRUST FUNDS

#### Cemetery

John Jones	\$ 171 49	
Josiah Page	106 00	
C. E. Hanson	100 00	
Jessie M. Stone	50 00	
Mrs. T. C. Carr	102 45	
Olive Crocker	53 27	
Bartlett Tripp	126 00	
George Farrar	102 33	
Edgar H. Ramsdell	100 00	
Noah Prescott	100 00	
Arthur Farrar	50 00	
Nora B. Hamilton	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,161 54

#### Library

Crocker Library	850 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 850 00

#### School

Ministerial and School Fund	540 55	
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		\$ 2,552 09

## SCHEDULE 7

## ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net Debt, Feb. 1, 1940		\$	9,851	60
Additions:				
State Highway Patrol Adj.	2		91	
Old Age Assistance Adj.	103		25	
Overdrafts	1,025		82	
		—	\$	1,131 98
			\$	10,983 58
Deductions:				
State Aid Const. Adj.	\$	1,183	47	
State Poor Adj.		316	61	
Unexpended Balances		1,008	21	
		—	\$	2,508 29
Net Debt, Feb. 1, 1941			\$	8,475 29

# School Report

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To the Citizens of Ripley:

The School Committee and Superintendent of Schools submit the following annual report.

As for some years past, four schools are still being carried on. A plan considered last summer for closing the West Ripley School and accomodating the pupils in 3 other schools where convenient conveyance seemed in sight, had to be given up, for the present. Two paid school conveyances are in use, one serving the Head-of-the-Pond School, and one from Clyde Willard's to the end of the Dexter bus route. The number of Ripley grade pupils using the bus to the Dexter schools is at present ten. Rent for one family is being paid in Dexter by the Town, as this seemed to be the most economical method, rather than conveyance, to make school possible for the child.

For the school year ending in June, 1941, Ripley had 20 high school students attending in other towns. For the present year there are 20, according to bills and notifications received. The list contains the following names; in Hartland Academy, Joseph Page, Estelle Page, Walter Page; in Higgins Classical Institute, Maxine Ellms and John Murdock, Jr.; in Dexter High School, Malcolm R. Kittridge, Robert W. Mills, Corris C. Rees, R. Marilyn Sevey, Mary L. Sevey, Martha Willard, John Briggs, Charles W. Kittridge, Eva Folsom, Linwood Folsom, Nellie Haseltine, Merton Mills, Virginia

Murdock, Maurice Neal and Edward Rotell. Tuition rates this year are, Dexter High, \$64. per year; Higgins Classical Institute \$100. per year and Hartland Academy \$69. per year. The State re-imburses the Town to the extent of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the tuition so paid out, but the total of this re-imbusement for any one year cannot by law exceed \$700. Ripley receives this maximum amount.

Ripley has again been fortunate in being able to secure excellent teachers for the four schools in town. For the list see the financial page. Total enrollment in each of the four schools for the fall term was, Mills School 19, Jones School 18, Head-of-Pond School 18, Hillside School 12. The latter school is now less than 12.

The following term plan has been carried out for the first first part of the year, and probably will for the remainder of the year, unless changes become necessary for various reasons.

#### 1941-1942

Fall term opened Sept. 8,	
closed Dec. 20, 1941,	15 weeks
Two weeks vacation	
Winter term opened Jan. 5,	
closes March 13, 1942,	10 weeks
Five weeks vacation	
Spring term opens April 20,	
closes June 5, 1942,	7 weeks
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	32 weeks

The following holidays to be observed by closing of schools; Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day and the day following; Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, to be observed on Monday following. The following days to be observed by appropriate activities, but not by closing schools; Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12;



Arbor Day, on the date to be appointed by the Governor.

Note: In the case of the Jones School it has already been necessary to lose some time from the above schedule, which will be made up during the long spring vacation. It is also usually necessary to set the time of spring vacation for the Head-of-Pond School according to the time when the worst spring traveling comes.

The Ripley schools have continued to receive the services of the Public Health Nurse, through the town's appropriation for this purpose. The report of Mrs. Laura Small, R. N., appears on another page of the town report.

Noon lunches, with at least one hot dish in nearly all cases, have been prepared and served by the teachers and pupils during the winter. To assist in this program government surplus commodities have been secured this year, as in some past years.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS

More has been done for up-keep of buildings the past year than usual. Considerable work was necessary on windows, doors, door steps, etc., and a new outside platform was built at the Mills School. Here the chimney, unsafe for some time, was re-built from a point several feet below the roof. All stoves were completely taken down and re-built, sheet metal laid under them where lacking, all stovepipes completely overhauled and much of it replaced with new pipe, dampers installed and all ceiling openings where stove-pipe passes through were lined with asbestos and metal, making for fire safety in so far as seems possible. A thorough repair job on all heating equipment has been needed for some years. For the first time we have had no trouble with clogged stove pipes, broken stoves or uncertain and dangerously loose supports under stoves. There is still need for a metal circulating jacket around the Mills School heater. Several blackboards have been repainted, window shades replaced, etc.

Through the energy of the teacher last year, Mrs. Vera Felker, the pupils and parents, an excellent electric lighting outfit has been installed in the Head-of-Pond School. This was actually done the past fall, all work being furnished, as well as materials, at no cost to the town. All school buildings except the Hillside are now well lighted. This is a wonderful protection for the eyesight of all the children and is an important forward step.

The school committee have purchased an excellent grade of hard wood flooring for all four schools, at as reasonable price as could be found. This is now in storage ready for use, in the Head-of-Pond building. Getting this flooring laid in a permanent and satisfactory way by volunteer work has seemed to be difficult up to this time. The present high rate of employment for every one has been one factor in this. Thanks to the special appropriation for this purpose better and more sanitary floors seem to be at least in sight now.

## FINANCIAL

In the last town report it was stated that the State Equalization Fund for Ripley for this year would be \$515.00. However, because of action by the last legislature several towns received more than originally allotted. Ripley's share being \$1,221.00. This, together with an additional \$100. on the town's school appropriation, has made it possible to reduce the former overdraft which has been carried forward for some years. This has been in spite of rising costs which partly offset the increased funds. It is to be greatly hoped that we may be able to wipe out this troublesome overdraft by next year. Expenditures have been less than resources by \$388.82, and this will have to be repeated next year in order to balance the account entirely. For this reason, and that of uncertain and rising costs, it is hoped that the town will not reduce the appropriation



Expenditures  
Teachers' Wages

Mills School:

Rena L. Eaton, winter term, 1941, 6 1-5 weeks	\$ 99 20	
Rena L. Eaton, spring term, 7 weeks	112 00	
Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 15 weeks	255 00	
Rena L. Eaton, winter term, 4 weeks	68 00	
	<hr/> \$	534 20

Head-of-Pond School:

Vera H. Felker, winter term, 1941, 6 weeks	\$ 99 00	
Vera H. Felker, spring term, 6 weeks	99 00	
Eugenia Swanton, fall term, 15 weeks	255 00	
Eugenia Swanton, winter term, 5 weeks	85 00	
	<hr/> \$	538 00

Jones School:

Gertrude S. Farrar, Winter term, 1941, 6 1-5 weeks	\$ 93 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, spring term, 7 weeks	105 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, fall term, 13 3-5 weeks	217 60	
Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term, 3 2-5 weeks	54 40	
	<hr/> \$	470 00

Hillside School:

Adelma L. Sevey, winter term, 1941, 5 weeks	\$ 70 00	
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Elsie Dill, spring term, 6 weeks	84 00	
Elsie Dill, fall term, 15 weeks	225 00	
Elsie Dill, winter term, 5 weeks	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 454 00
Total Teachers' Wages		<hr/> \$ 1,996 20

## FUEL

Clayton Jewett	\$ 308 00	
Harlan Wilkins	27 00	
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Total Fuel		\$ 335 00

## JANITORS' SERVICES

Galen Atwater	\$ 17 00	
Elsie Dill	24 50	
Rena L. Eaton	7 50	
Gerald Gould	10 00	
Maurice Neal	9 90	
Louise Page	5 00	
Alvin C. Randall	10 00	
Mellen Randall	28 90	
Adelma L. Sevey	4 50	
Beatrice Sevey	5 00	
Ernest Sevey	17 00	
Eugenia Swanton	2 00	
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Total Janitors' Services		\$ 141 30

## JANITORS' SUPPLIES

B. H. Litchfield	\$ 6 58	
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Total Janitors' Supplies		\$ 6 58

## CONVEYANCE AND COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$ 400 00
H. L. Wakefield	323 60



Mrs. Gertrude Waldron	36 00
Clyde Willard	76 00

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Total Conveyance and Common School Tuition	\$ 835 60
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## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$ 857 00
Town of Harmony	72 00
Town of Hartland	97 50
Higgins Classical Institute	155 00

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Total High School Tuition	\$ 1,181 50
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## TEXTBOOKS

Fellowship Press	\$ 1 00
D. C. Heath & Company	38 88
Edgar Little	72
The Macmillan Company	15 29
Charles E. Merrill Company	11 14
The Quarrie Corporation	60 80
D. W. Rollins	1 69
Row, Peterson & Company	14 80
Scott, Foresman & Company	27 43
Silver, Burdett Company	2 62
Webster Publishing Company	1 73

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Total Textbooks	\$ 176 10
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Beckley-Cardy Company	\$ 14 40
Central Maine Power Company	26 88
A. L. Davis	1 35
Town of Dexter	15 92
The Eastern Gazette	2 85
The Educational Supply Company	4 12

Kennebec and Somerset Express		
Company	4	30
Loring, Short and Harmon	24	36
Milford Products Company	5	41
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Total Miscellaneous	\$	99 59

## REPAIRS

Bucknam & Mountain	\$	7 60
Leo Clukey		14 68
Ramsay & Gates Co.		1 18
H. L. Tillson & Co.		2 08
C. H. Webber		76 61
Harland Wilkins		12 69
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Total Repairs	\$	114 84

## EQUIPMENT

Gledhill Bros., Inc.	\$	6 10
Total Equipment	\$	6 10
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Total Expenditures	\$	4,892 81

## SUMMARY

Total Resources	\$	5,281 63
Total Expenditures		
Teachers' Wages	\$	1,996 20
Fuel		335 00
Janitors' Services		141 30
Janitors' Supplies		6 58
Conveyance and Common School Tuition		835 60
High School Tuition		1,181 50
Textbooks		176 10
Miscellaneous		99 59
Repairs		114 84
Equipment		6 10

Add Overdraft of year 1940-1941		777 94
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	\$ 5,281 63	\$ 5,670 75
Total Overdraft now	389 12	
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	\$ 5,670 75	\$ 5,670 75

### REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

I hereby submit the 13th annual Public Health Nursing report for the year beginning January 1, 1941 and ending December 31, 1941.

Services rendered the people of Ripley during the year of 1941 by the Dexter Community Nursing Service.

#### Maternity

Home visits to prenatals	3
Home visits to mothers	3
Home visits to infants	3
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Total home visits	9
Number of deliveries attended	3

#### School

Number of children inspected by nurse	45
“ “ “ doctor	38
“ “ with defective vision	5
“ “ vision corrected	1
“ “ defective hearing	1
“ “ “ throats	9

The Dexter school physician, Dr. Taylor, very generously gave his time to do the throat examinations. We hope to repeat this every other year. No dental examinations were made. The parents should make plans to take their children to a dentist every six months. Two of the requirements which must be met by the child in order to win a Seven Point Pin and Certificate is that

the throat shall be examined by a physician, and the teeth by the family dentist.

#### Time Analysis

Total hours spent in homes	17
“ “ “ at deliveries	16
“ “ “ in schools	14
Travel time	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
Time spent on records	4

The Mills School in Ripley had 4 Seven Point children.

In outlining a health program for 1942, the following needs should receive consideration:

1. Tuberculosis testing of students, suspects, and contacts; X-rays of all positive reactors.
2. Preschool clinic for physical examination of all beginners, the clinic to be held in the spring to give time to have defects corrected or treated.
3. Vaccination and inoculation to prevent communicable disease. Scales in each school for routine weighing.
4. School physician for annual examinations of school children.

The Association wishes to thank the citizens of Ripley for their interest and support of the Public Health work that is being carried on in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

By LAURA SMALL, R. N.,  
Public Health Nurse.















## PRESERVE THIS REPORT

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A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.

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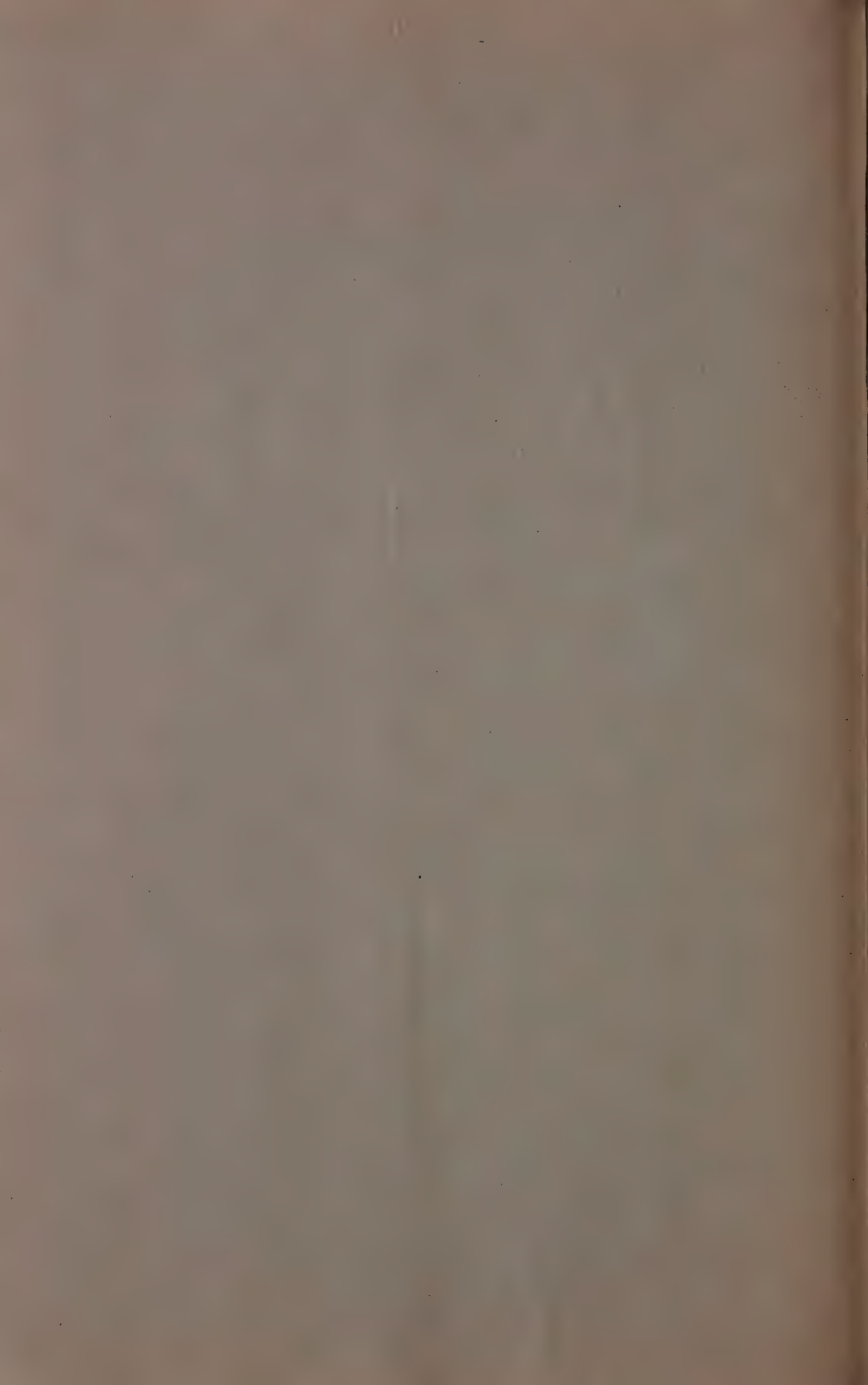
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# Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

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To Frank G. Laughton, constable of the Town of Ripley  
in the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

## GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the 1st day of March 1943 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners and vote their compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more trustees of the Crock-er Library, a fire ward, and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school house repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 12. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of poor.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of the Crocker Library.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid Highways.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$209.00 for maintenance of Third Class Highways.

Art. 19. To grant and raise a sum of money for Civilian Defense.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$48 for street lights or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$20.00 for public health nurse.

Art. 22. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes.

Art. 23. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for Memorial Day.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to abate the balance of the 1938 taxes or act anything thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell the Hillside school or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes.

Art. 27. To choose a tax collector, and vote his compensation.

Art. 28. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to enter into an agreement for the management of lands purchased by the Soil Conservation Service within the town.

Art. 29. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1943-44 and instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 30. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 13th day of February A. D. 1943.

JAMES M. LAUGHTON,  
CLAYTON E. JEWETT,  
J. CHESTER FARRAR,

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.



# Report of Assessors

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Ripley, Maine, Feb. 1, 1943

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1942

Resident Real Estate	\$ 111,680 00
Non-Resident Real Estate	31,150 00
Resident Personal Estate	27,015 00
Non-Resident Personal Estate	1,850 00

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Total Valuation	\$ 171,695 00
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Tax rate \$57.00 per \$1,000.00

Number of Polls taxed 97

Number of Polls exempt 11

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK

	Average Val.	Total Val.
62 horses	\$101 53	\$6,295 00
3 colts	71 66	215 00
289 cows	31 52	9,110 00
4 oxen	46 25	185 00
102 3 year olds	28 46	3,005 00
145 2 year olds	22 87	3,345 00
Sheep (over 35 in number) 15	8 00	120 00

Swine (over 10 in number) 1	20 00	20 00
Poultry (over 50 in number) 394	52	205 00

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\$ 22,500 00

#### EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

Colts (draft under 3 yrs old) 6	\$ 49 17	\$ 295 00
152 yearlings	14 73	2,145 00
189 sheep	7 80	1,475 00
59 swine	14 24	840 00
925 poultry	51	473 00

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\$ 5,228 00

#### TAXES ASSESSED IN 1942

Assessed on 97 polls	\$ 291 00
Assessed on resident real estate	6,365 76
Assessed on non-res. real estate	1,775 55
Assessed on res. personal estate	1,539 85
Assessed on non-res. personal est.	105 87

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\$ 10,078 03

Supplemental	143 25
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Commitment \$ 10,221 28

#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1942

Support of schools	\$ 2,800 00
Town ways and bridges	800 00
Snow removal	800 00
Support of poor	800 00
Town expenses	300 00
Interest on Loans	500 00
Crocker Free Library	75 00
Maint. of State Aid Highways	400 00
Cutting bushes	100 00
Maint. of 3rd class highways	500 00
State Aid construction	450 00

Street Lights	48 00	
Public health nurse	20 00	
Outstanding notes	500 00	
Memorial Day	12 50	
State tax	1,334 05	
County tax	294 16	
Overlay	344 32	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,078 03
Supplemental		143 25
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Commitment		\$ 10,221 28

## ABATEMENTS

Wallace Cooley, age exemption \$	3 00	
L. B. Dutton, pd. in Anson	3 00	
Marvin Hamilton, in U. S. army	3 00	
Albra Rumery, in U. S. army	3 00	
Larry Dubay, pd. in Dexter	3 00	
Clayton Jewett, duplicate tax	8 20	
Discount on taxes	176 27	
	<hr/>	\$ 199 47

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
C. E. JEWETT,  
J. C. FARRAR,

Assessors of Ripley.

# Report of Overseers of Poor

Resident

Fred Alton

Groceries, Clothing, Medical, etc	\$256 57
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## Family of Soldier No. 1

Groceries, Clothing, Rent,  
Medical, etc.

880 94

—————\$ 1,137 51

Non-Resident

## Town of Canaan

Ruby Bubar, Medical, etc

\$ 76 60

Total local

\$ 1,214 11

### Town appropriation

\$ 800 00

Rec. from Canaan

76 60

Total

\$ 876 60

## Overdraft

\$ 337 51

## State Poor

## Hardy Family

\$ 760 37

Received

370 03

Due from State

\$ 390 34

J. M. LAUGHTON,

C. E. JEWETT,

J. C. FARRAR,

## Overseers of Poor.

## Report of Selectmen

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Cash Balance Feb. 1, 1942	\$	98 41	
Receipts:		17,545 90	
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Total	\$	17,644 31	
Warrants Drawn		17,296 36	
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Total	\$	17,296 36	
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Cash Balance Feb. 1, 1943	\$	347 95	

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### WELFARE SECTION

Resident:			
Appropriation	\$	800 00	
Warrants Drawn		1,137 51	
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Overdrawn	\$	337 51	
Non-resident:			
Receipts	\$	446 63	
Warrants Drawn		836 97	
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Due	\$	390 34	

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### EDUCATIONAL SECTION

Appropriation	\$	2,800 00
Equalization Fund		1,458 00

State School Fund	1,335 56	
Int. on School Fund	32 43	
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Available	\$	5,625 99
Warrants Drawn		5,813 04
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Overdrawn	\$	187 05

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### HIGHWAY SECTION

#### Winter

Appropriation	\$	800 00	
State Reimbursement		1,431 16	
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Total	\$	2,231 16	
Warrants Drawn	\$	2,655 26	
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Overdrawn	\$	424 10	

### TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	\$	800 00	
Warrants Drawn		577 95	
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Unexpended	\$	222 05	

### BUSHES

Appropriation	\$	100 00	
Warrants Drawn		41 79	
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Unexpended	\$	58 21	

### THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	500 00	
Warrants Drawn		496 91	
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Unexpended	\$	3 09	



## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$	450 00	
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Unexpended	\$		450 00

## THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

Receipts	\$	777 13	
Warrants Drawn		777 15	
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Overdrawn	\$		02

## STATE AID PATROL

Appropriation	\$	400 00	
Warrants Drawn		379 80	
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Unexpended	\$		20 20

## TOWN DEBT REDUCTION

Appropriation	\$	500 00	
Warrants Drawn		1,000 00	
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Overexpended	\$		500 00

## INTEREST

Appropriation	\$	500 00	
Warrants Drawn		530 47	
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Overexpended	\$		30 47

## CROCKER LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$	75 00	
Warrants Drawn	\$	75 00	

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation	\$	12 50	
Warrants Drawn		3 60	
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Unexpended	\$		8 90

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$	48 00	
Warrants Drawn	\$	48 00	

**HEALTH NURSE**

Appropriation	\$	20 00	
Warrants Drawn	\$	20 00	

**TEMPORARY LOANS**

Money Hired	\$	1,000 00	
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**CONTINGENT**

Appropriation	\$	300 00	
Supplemental Tax		143 25	
Dog Tax License Refund		115 29	
Tax Lien Costs and Interest		116 06	
Excise Tax		248 60	
Overlay		344 31	
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Total	\$		1,267 51
Warrants:			
Officers' Salaries	\$	597 80	
Election Expenses		3 50	
Audit		194 15	
Town Hall		17 35	

School Supt.	172 80	
Office Supplies	41 74	
Insurance	58 50	
Register of Deeds	5 50	
Miscellaneous	169 90	
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Total	\$	1,261 25
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Unexpended	\$	6 26

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**STATE TAX**

Assessed	\$	1,334 05
Warrants	\$	1,334 05

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**COUNTY TAX**

Assessed	\$	294 16
Warrants	\$	294 16

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**TAXES**
**DOG TAX**

Collected	\$	57 80
Warrants	\$	57 80

**1942 TAXES**

Commitment	\$	10,221 28
Collected		8,588 61
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Uncollected	\$	1,632 67

**1941 TAXES**

Due Feb. 1, 1942	\$	1,529 76
Collected		1,318 06
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Uncollected	\$	211 70

## 1940 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1942	\$	67 73	
Collected		31 62	
Uncollected	\$		36 11

## 1938 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1942	\$	29 51
Due Feb. 1, 1943	\$	29 51

## FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$	347 95
Albert Sevey, note on mortgage		700 00
Frank Alton place		150 00
1942 Taxes		1,632 67
1941 Taxes		211 70
1940 Taxes		36 51
1938 Taxes		29 51
Due from State (Pauper)		390 34
Town of Harmony (plowing)		118 11
Other plowing		75 00
1941 Tax Liens		606 06
Total Assets	\$	4,297 85

## Liabilities

Notes	\$	9,530 00
Trust Funds		2,011 54
		\$ 11,541 54
School Fund Grant		540 54

## 1942 DELINQUENT TAXES

Name	Poll	Estate	Personal	Total
H. L. Bane			114 48	114 48*
Linwood Bane	3 00			3 00*
Cecil Bane	3 00			3 00*
L. S. Brown	3 00	9 12	69 83	81 95†
Coburn Cooley			31 35	31 35

Wm Glidden	3 00	57	3 57
Harry Gould		9 36	8 55
Stora Kimball		39 63	39 63
Roland Kittridge			25 24
Chas. Kittridge		15 68	119 70
Marie Kimball			68 40
Roy Lane, Heirs			7 13
Frank G. Laughton		28 78	68 40
Mrs. John Lane, Heirs			96 90
Ulysses Madore	3 00	57	3 57
Geo. Murphy	3 00		3 00
Geo. McDougal	3 00	51 87	54 87
Leroy Perkins	3 00	57	42 75
Wilbur Philbrick	3 00		3 00
Roscoe Philbrick	3 00	24 23	51 30
Mary Robinson, Estate			4 28
A. C. Randall	3 00	4 28	25 65
Wm. Rees	3 00	17 10	20 10
Leslie Rees			116 64
Albert Sevey		41 90	63 27
Adelma Sevey			66 98
John Sevey			114 00
Ernest Turner		2 78	2 78*
Aaron Tewksbury	3 00	11 69	42 75

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\$39 00 \$258 13 \$1,137 60 \$1,434 73

### Non-resident

John Arno		74 10	74 10
A. M. Bailey & Son	1 43	22 80	24 23
L. R. Damon		5 70	5 70
Joseph Eaton, Heirs		62 70	62 70
Chas. Sampson		2 85	2 85
Frederick & Bernard Mountain		14 25	14 25
Reginald Farrar		22 68	22 68*

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\$1 43 \$ 205 08 \$ 206 51

\* Paid since Feb. 1, 1943

† Part payment since Feb. 1, 1943

Total	\$ 1,632 67
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Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
C. E. JEWETT,  
J. C. FARRAR,

Selectmen of Ripley.



# Report of Treasurer

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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1942	\$	98 41
Receipts		\$17,545 90
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Total Receipts	\$	17,644 31
Paid Selectmen's Warrants	\$	17,296 36
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Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1943	\$	347 95

## LIBRARY FUND

Amount in Treasury Feb. 1, 1942		
Town Note	\$850 00	
Cash	103 02	
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	\$	953 02
Interest on Note	\$	34 00
From State		7 50
Fines and Dues		3 19
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	\$	997 71
Paid for Books and Supplies		43 60
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	\$	954 11
Amount in Treasury Feb. 1, 1943		
Town Note	\$	850 00
Cash		104 11
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	\$	954 11

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town Note	\$	1,061 54
Nora Hamilton Fund		100 00
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	\$	1,161 54
Interest Paid for Care of Lots		\$42 46

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HASELTINE,

Treas. of Ripley

# Report of Town Clerk

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

1942

- Feb. 2 To Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Philbrick, a daughter.  
Apr. 3 To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Corson, a son.  
Dec. 13 To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton, a son.

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- Jan. 7 To Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy, a son.

### Marriages

- Feb. 5 Mr. Kenneth Frank Davis to Miss Muriel Velma Briggs.  
Mar. 14 Mr. Harold Robert Rees and Miss Maud Doris Rollins.  
Nov. 8 Mr. Clyde Stanley Hunnewell and Miss Eleanor Etta Bane.  
Dec. 24 Mr. Harold Curtis Butler and Miss Marjorie Marion Lowell.

### Deaths

- Feb. 26 Calvin B. Goodwin, age 79 yrs., 9 mos., 2 das.  
Mar. 26 Maggie M. Dore, age 79 yrs, 9 mos., 7 das.  
Mar. 29 Nancy May Robinson, age 65 yrs., 7 mos., 28 das.  
June 7 Melvin L. Thurston, age 84 yrs., 3 mos., 29 das.  
Aug. 21 Annie I. Kittredge, age 68 yrs., 1 mo., 24 das.  
Sept. 1 Gloria May Rumery, age 1 yr., 1 mos., 0 das.  
Nov. 25 Fannie M. Hemenway, age 58 yrs., 9 mos., 8 das.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELMA SEVEY,

Town Clerk.

# Report of Auditor for 1941

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December 22, 1942

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ripley:

In accordance with instructions from your Board of Selectmen we examined the books and accounts of your town officials for the municipal year ended Feb. 15, 1942. We verified the balance sheet as at Feb. 15, 1942, and the accompanying exhibits and schedules with the town books and in our opinion they correctly set forth financial condition of your town as at Feb. 15, 1942, subject to the terms of this report.

- Exhibit A Comparative Balance Sheet
- Exhibit B Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- Exhibit C Assessment, Valuation and Commitment
- Exhibit D Statement of Departmental Accounts
- Exhibit E Analysis of Change in Net Deficit
- Schedule 1 Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance
- Schedule 2 Uncollected Taxes
- Schedule 3 Tax Liens
- Schedule 4 Accounts Receivable
- Schedule 5 Notes Receivable
- Schedule 6 Accounts Payable
- Schedule 7 Notes Payable
- Schedule 8 Trust Funds
- Schedule 9 Excise Taxes

In Exhibit A we set forth the comparative balance

sheets for the years ended Feb. 1, 1941 and Feb. 15, 1942 as taken from your town books.

CASH \$ 125 80

All cash recorded as received and disbursed was found to be substantiated by receipts and proper warrants with the exception of certain adjustments for errors in paying warrants, collection of monies without issuing receipts, overpaid warrants, and teachers' retirement fund paid without warrant as noted in Exhibit B. The cash balance consists of a checking account and actual cash on hand as supported in Exhibit B and Schedule 1, all of which was reconciled and verified as at December 10, 1942. It is to be noted that the Treasurer has an actual overage of \$5.42 which is unaccounted for and is to be held in the treasury.

TAX ACCOUNTS \$ 2,204 50

We examined all collectors' records and tax liens and present in Schedules 2 and 3 analysis of all outstanding amounts. The current year's assessment and commitment as appears in Exhibit C shows an uncollected tax balance of \$ 1,530 96 with a resulting overage of \$1.20.

RECEIVABLES \$ 1,396 88

Receivables consist of open accounts amounting to \$96.88 and notes of \$1,300 00. We examined the current year's expenditures and receipts as applying to State paupers. The balance of open accounts are for amounts due from the collector as of Feb. 1, 1941 and overpayments. The notes receivable are for amounts due on purchases of property.

PAYABLES \$ 9,568 61

The payables as listed in Schedules 6 and 7 were verified only with the town records.

## TRUST FUNDS

\$ 2,552 09

The trustFunds set forth in detail in Schedule 8 have all been used by the town and are made up of funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots library fund and ministerial and school fund. With the exception of the ministerial and school fund these funds should be replaced and invested according to Chapter 5, Section 93 of the Revised Statutes of 1930, as amended by Chapter 174, Public Laws of 1941.

## NET DEBT

\$ 7,921 40

In Exhibit E we set forth transactions affecting net debt for the year, which shows a net gain from operations of \$567.40, reduced by \$13.51, adjustments from transactions affecting prior years.

Very truly yours,

PAUL A. SMITH

Public Accountant and Auditor.

## BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A

as at Feb. 15, 1942 and Feb. 1, 1941

## ASSETS

Subsidiary Schedules		Feb. 15, 1942	Feb. 1, 1941
1	Cash	\$ 125 80	\$ 127 87
	Tax Accounts		
2	Uncollected Taxes	1,628 08	1,799 17
3	Tax Liens	576 42	696 70
	Town Property		730 93
		2,204 50	3,226 80
			23
	Receivables		
4	Accounts	96 88	1 84
5	Notes	1,300 00	
		1,396 88	1 84
	Other Assets		
	Leavitt Farm Deed	200 00	400 00
	Rumery Farm Deed		750 00
		200 00	1,150 00
	Total Assets	\$ 3,927 18	\$ 4,506 51



## LIABILITIES

6	Accounts	38 61			
7	Notes	9,530 00			11,530 00
					2,552 09
8	Trust Funds Used by Town		9,568 61		
	Due State Agency		2,552 09		
	Dog Tax				
	Teachers' Retirement Fund			17 00	30 35
	Trust Funds Reserve				
	Cemetery	1,161 54			1,161 54
	Crocker Library	850 00			850 00
	Ministerial & School	540 55			540 55
		2,552 09			2,552 09
		2,552 09			2,552 09
	Less: Liability Above				
	Total Liabilities		12,137 70		14,112 44
	Departmental Balances				
	(Net) Ex. D *		289 12		1,130 64
	Net Debt Ex. E*		7,921 40		8,475 29
	* Deductions		\$ 3,927 18		\$ 4,506 51

# EXHIBIT B

## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended February 15, 1942

Cash Balance, February 1, 1940

127 87

### Receipts

Property and Poll Taxes	\$	8,993 83	\$	\$
Current Years		806 97		
Prior Years				

\$ 9,800 80

Tax Liens

822 19

Leavitt Farm Deed

50 00

Town Property

115 88

\$ 10,788 87  
496 51

Excise Tax—Schedule 9

Departmental:

From State Other Sources

General Government

31 28

Highways

11 45

Charities

3,467 45

Education

1,133 92

1,221 00

42 73

Total Departmental—Exhibit D

5,871 21

Temporary Loans

1,000 00

## Other Receipts:

Accounts Receivable—State  
Dog Licenses

3 00\*  
67 00

70 00

## Total Receipts

18,226 59

## Cash Adjustments

Money deposited in Bank  
without issuance of receipt  
Warrants underpaid  
Warrants unpaid

11 03

31 57

17 00

## Total Available

18,414 06

## Disbursements

Departmental Accounts—Ex. D  
Temporary Loans  
Dog Licenses

17,193 75

1,000 00

67 00

## Total Disbursements

18,260 75

## Cash Adjustments

Warrants Overpaid  
Items paid without warrant

11 00

16 51

\$ 18,288 26

## Cash Balance—Schedule 1

\* Denotes total State  
receipts, \$5,831 48

\$ 125 80

## EXHIBIT C

## ASSESSMENT, VALUATION AND COMMITMENT

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

## Valuation:

Real Estate—Resident	\$ 109,490 00	
Non-resident	32,910 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 142,400 00

Personal Estate—Resident	26,649 00	
Non-resident	2,375 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 29,024 00

Total Valuation		\$ 171,424 00
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## Commitment:

171424.00 x .06	\$ 10,285 44
102 polls @ \$3.00	306 00
Tax Commitments *	\$ 10,591 44
Supplemental Tax	114 72
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Total Charged to Collector	\$ 10,706 16
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## Credits to Collector—

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 8,993 83	
Abatements	27 00	
Discounts	155 57	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,176 40

Uncollected Taxes, Feb. 15, 1942, Schedule 2	\$ 1,530 96
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Overage to be held	\$ 1 20
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## Computation of Assessment

Tax Commitment *	\$ 10,591 44
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## Requirements

Town Appropriations	\$ 8,498 00
State Tax	1,334 05
County Tax	294 16
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Total Appropriations	\$ 10,126 21
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Overlay to Net Deficit—Exhibit E	\$ 465 23
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## EXHIBIT D

## STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS

Year ended Feb. 15, 1942

Bal. of Appropri- 1940-41 Yr. ations	Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Dis- bursements	Other Charges	Total Charges	Lapsed Balances Overdrafts Unexp.	Balance to 1942-43 yr.
<b>General Government</b>								
Town Expenses .....	400 00	37 39	161 14	1,194 88	832 68	2,027 56	1,429 03	
<b>Protect. Persons and Prop.</b>								
Street Lights .....	48 00		48 00	48 00		48 00		
<b>Health and Sanitation</b>								
Public Health Nurse .....	20 00		20 00	20 00		20 00		
Poison Ivy Extermination	15 00		15 00	15 00		15 00		
<b>Highways and Bridges</b>								
Town Ways .....	300 00	59 45	359 45	347 86	35 20	383 06	23 61	
Snow Removal .....	950 00	2,029 77	2,979 77	1,438 84		1,438 84		1,540 93
Cutting Bushes .....	100 00		100 00	101 55		101 55	1 55	
<b>Repair Ada Lane's Corner to Dooley Lancaster Rd. ...</b>								
Repairing Tripp Road .....	100 00		100 00	97 20		97 20		2 80
	200 00		200 00	204 20		204 20	4 20	

Repair A. L. Ellner to	Bal. of		Appropriations	Depart.		Total Available	Cash Disbursements	Other Charges	Total Charges	Lapsed Balances		Balance to
	1940-41	Yr.		Receipts	Credits					Overdrafts	Unexp.	
Chas. Kittridge Rd. ....	200 00					200 00	192 73		192 73			7 27
Snow Fence .....	100 00					100 00	475 99		475 99	375 99		
Maint. Unimproved Rds. ..				321 97	44	322 41	322 41		322 41			
Maint. Third Class and												
Spec. Res. Roads .....	300 00			354 00	19 24	673 24	817 93		817 93	144 69		
State Aid Road Maint. ....	400 00					400 00		379 80	379 80	20 20		
State Aid Road Const. ....	450 00			713 71	395 36	1,559 07	1,556 03	3 04	1,559 07			
	3,100 00			3,478 90	415 04	6,993 94	5,554 74	418 04	5,972 78	550 04	1,571 20	
<b>Charities</b>												
Town Poor .....	750 00					750 00	1,216 87		1,216 87	466 87		
State Paupers .....	455 95			1,133 92	84 00	1,217 92	761 97		1,217 92			
Old Age Assistance .....	103 25*					103 25	103 25		103 25			
	352 70			1,133 92	84 00	2,071 17	2,082 09		2,538 04	466 87		
<b>Education</b>												
Support of Schools .....	777 94			2,800 00	1,360 63	5,381 63	4,892 81		5,670 75			289 12
Superintendency .....					172 80	172 80	172 80		172 80			
Floors for Schoolhouses ...				125 00		125 00	192 50		192 50	67 50		
	777 94			2,925 00	1,221 00	5,679 43	5,258 11		6,036 05	67 50		289 12
<b>Library</b>												
Crocker .....	75 00					75 00	75 00		75 00			



	Bal. of Appropriations 1940-41	Dept. Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Disbursements	Other Charges	Total Charges	Lapsed Balances Overdrafts Unexp.	Balance to 1942-43 yr.
<b>Unclassified</b>									
Memorial Day .....	15 00			15 00	2 20		2 20	12 80	
<b>Interest</b>									
General .....	650 00			650 00	588 50	36 43	624 93	25 07	
<b>Municipal Indebtedness</b>									
Payment on Notes .....	500 00			500 00	2,000 00		2,000 00	1,500 00	
<b>Agency Trust and Invest.</b>									
State Tax .....	1,334 05		61 00	1,395 05	61 07	1,333 98	1,395 05		
County Tax .....	294 16			294 16	294 16		294 16		
	1,628 21		61 00	1,689 21	355 23	1,333 98	1,689 21		
	1,130 64	10,126 21	5,871 21	2,254 61	17,193 75	2,621 13	21,048 77	4,013 44	289 12
	Exhibit A Exhibit C Exhibit B				Exhibit B			Exhibit E	
				18,355 28				Overdrafts Forward	
								Support of Schools	
								289 12	
								Exhibit A	

\* Denotes credit

## EXHIBIT E

## ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET DEFICIT

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

Net Debt, Feb. 1, 1941—

Exhibit A \$ 8,475 29

Transactions affecting  
prior yearsCharges—Adjustment of  
Teachers' Retire. Fund 16 51Credits—Adjustment of  
Accounts Receivable  
Porcupine bounties 3 00

Net Charges 13 51

\$ 8,488 80

Transactions affecting  
current yearsExcise Tax Balance—  
Schedule 9 506 54  
Overlay—Exhibit C 465 23  
971 77

Operating Accounts

Exhibit D  
Overdrafts 4,013 44  
Unexpended 1,609 07  
(2,404 37)Payment of  
outstanding notes 2,000 00

Net Gain Current Year 567 40

Net Debt, Feb. 15, 1942—

Exhibit A 7,921 40

## SCHEDULE 1

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH  
BALANCE

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

Balance—The Merrill Trust Co.	\$	2,920 90
Deposits not credited		2,712 53
	\$	5,633 43
Deduct outstanding checks		5,502 21
Cash Balance		131 22
Treasurer's overage unaccounted for to be held		5 42
	\$	125 80

## Schedule 2

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Year	Balance Feb. 1, '41	New Taxes	Collected	Abated	Tax Liens	AdjustFeb. 15, '42 ed Bal.	Ex. C
1941		10,706 16	8,993 83	182 57		1,529 76	
1940	1,682 89		726 98	93 30	794 88	67 73	
1939	86 77		79 99	4 70		1 00	1 08
1938	29 51					29 51	
	1,799 17	10,706 16	9,800 80	280 57	794 88	1 00	1,628 08

	1941	1940	1939	1938
Arno, John	\$ 78 00	\$	\$	\$
Alton, Frank	3 60			
Bell, Henry	3 00			
Cooley, Ernest	6 00			
Cooley, Coburn		10 36		
Damon, L. R.	4 50			
Downing, C. S.			98	
French, J. E.		4 09		
French, J. C.	4 50			
Hopkins, Donald	17 70			
Kittridge, Charles	148 50			
Kittridge, Roland	47 40			
Kimball, Marie	72 00			
Kimball, Stora	34 20			
Knowles, P. C			10	
Lane, Heirs Mrs. John	96 00			
Lane, Heirs Roy	11 10			
Laughton, Frank G.	65 90			
Lancaster, Vernard	38 40			
Mills, Weston	54 00			
MacDougal, George	41 10	22 85		
Morrill, Lemuel	6 00			
Neal, Robert	38 70			
Nelson, Andrew	15 60	(11)*		
Pingree, Elmer	99 60	8 45		
Pingree, Lester	15 27			
Philbrick, Roscoe	89 10			
Rees, Leslie	157 88			
Sevey, Albert	64 80	19 09		
Sevey, Adelma	127 50			
Sampson, K. C.	3 00	3 00		
Thurston, M. L.	110 10			
Wakefield, John	12 75			
Willard, Clyde	58 76			
Worden, Charles	6 00			
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$1,530 96**	\$67 73	\$ 1 08	\$29 51***

\* Credit balance

\*\*Collector's overage \$1.20

\*\*\* Unsupported by names

## Schedule 3

## Tax Liens

Year	Balance Feb. 1, '41	New Liens	Int. and Costs	Collected	Adjusted	Balance Feb. 15, '42
1940		794 88	37 64	203 10	53 00	576 42
1939	696 70			619 09	77 61	
	<u>\$696 70</u>	<u>\$794 88</u>	<u>\$37 64</u>	<u>\$822 19</u>	<u>\$130 61</u>	<u>\$576 42</u>

Exhibit A Sched. 2	Exhibit B	Exhibit A
	1940	
Damon, L. R.	5 62	
Kimball, Marie	27 06	
Morrill, Lemuel	7 00	
Neal, Robert	41 53	
Perkins, Leroy	34 93	
Pingree, Lester	66 20	
Pingree, Elmer	83 93	
Randall, A. C.	12 79	
Rees, Leslie	115 65	
Sevey, A. L.	73 06	
Sevey, John	108 65	
	<u>\$</u>	576 42

## Schedule 4

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

State of Maine, Paupers	\$ 84 00
Lester Pingree, Overpayment	04
F. L. Haseltine, Collector	1 84
Pierce & Hall, Overpayment	10 00
Gertrude Farrar, Overpayment	1 00

Exhibit A	<u>\$</u>	96 88
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## Schedule 5

## NOTES RECEIVABLE

Garnet Bubar		
Wheeler Farm Purchase	600 00	
Leon A. Sevey		
Rumery Farm Purchase	700 00	
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Exhibit A		\$ 1,300 00

## Schedule 6

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Roland Bunker	\$ 3 04	
Vera Felker	3 00	
Alex Yakemore	20	
A. C. Randall	6 50	
Samuel Bubar	2 80	
Charles Downing	20	
Linwood Bane	1 56	
George Greaves	9 26	
Don Hopkins	3 05	
Western Mills	5 00	
Treas. of Cemetery Committee	4 00	
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Exhibit A		\$ 38 61

## Schedule 7

## NOTES PAYABLE

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

	No. of Note	Date Issued	Amount	Rate of Int.	Pur- pose
Don C. Hamlin	68	Feb. 1, 1940	2000 00	4½%	*T. L.
J. Edward Page	67	Feb. 16, 1940	1000 00	4%	*T. L.

H. L. Wakefield	66 Feb. 2, 1940	200 00	4%	*T. L.
J. Chester Farrar	65 Nov. 14, 1939	1000 00	4%	*T. L.
Gertrude Farrar	61 Mar. 21, 1939	800 00	4%	*T. L.
John Wakefield	58 Oct. 15, 1938	400 00	4%	*T. L.
Fannie Hemenway	57 Nov. 18, 1938	200 00	4%	*T. L.
F. L. & B. Haseltine	56 Nov. 18, 1938	200 00	4%	*T. L.
Eva Ellins	53 June 2, 1938	300 00	4%	*T. L.
Clyde Hemenway	52 June 10, 1938	550 00	4%	*T. L.
John Jewett	50 June 1, 1938	1000 00	4%	*T. L.
B. H. Litchfield	49 June 10, 1938	300 00	4%	*T. L.
J. & V. Wakefield	47 June 1, 1938	380 00	4%	*T. L.
Trustees, Dexter, Meth. Church	45 May 13, 1938	600 00	4%	*T. L.
J. D. Robinson	44 May 11, 1938	600 00	4%	*T. L.

Exhibit A

9,530 00

\* Temporary Loan

## Schedule 8

## TRUST FUNDS

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

Cemetery			
Perpetual Care	Amount	How Invested	
John Jones	\$ 171 49	Used by Town	
Josiah Page	106 00	" "	"
C. E. Hanson	100 00	" "	"
Jessie M. Stone	50 00	" "	"
Mrs. T. C. Carr	102 45	" "	"
Olive Crocker	53 27	" "	"
Bartlett Tripp	126 00	" "	"
George Farrar	102 33	" "	"
Edgar H. Ramsdell	100 00	" "	"
Noah Prescott	100 00	" "	"
Arthur Farrar	50 00	" "	"
Nora Hamilton	100 00	" "	"
	\$1161 54		\$1161 54
Library			
Crocker Library	850 00	" "	850 00



School

Ministerial and

School Fund	540 55	“	“	“	540 55
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Total

Trust Funds	\$2552 09		\$2552 09
Exhibit A			Exhibit A

## Schedule 9

## EXCISE TAXES

Year Ended Feb. 15, 1942

Tax Year	Excise Receipts	Amount	Treas. Rec'ts	Amount
1941	33-130	\$323 61	403	\$184 23
			413	76 50
			421	27 46
			432	7 79
			453	17 60
1942	1-40	182 93	454	182 93
		506 54		496 51
To Treasurer without receipt				10 03
Total—Exhibit B				
Transfer to Net Deficit—Exhibit E				506 54

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Ripley:

Your school officials herewith submit the following annual report.

Since September 8, 1942 only 3 schools have been open, as it was found that excellent opportunity existed for placing the pupils of the West Ripley School elsewhere, at a probably less cost and equal or better advantages for the children. The two school conveyances in town are practically the same as last year.

Ripley is more than ever fortunate in having highly satisfactory teachers available who are residents of the town. This is particularly true in view of the present extreme shortage of teachers. For the names of those who have filled these positions during the last 12 months see the financial pages.

At present Ripley has 18 high school students in Dexter High School, until recently 1 in Higgins Classical Institute, and 4 in Hartland Academy, 15 elementary pupils are attending schools outside the town; 1 in Hartland, 9 in Dexter and 5 in Harmony. Those going to Hartland and Harmony formerly were in the West Ripley school. The number of high school students is slightly larger than usual. The tuition rates charged this year in the three high schools or academies having Ripley students are, Dexter High \$72.00; Higgins Classical Institute \$100.00; and Hartland Academy \$70.00.

The three in-town schools now have practically the same number of pupils, varying only between 17 and 19.

The following term plan has been carried out to date, and will probably be true for the remainder of the year:

### 1942-1943

Fall term opened Sept. 8,	
closed Dec. 18, 1942,	15 weeks
Two weeks vacation	
Winter term began Jan. 4,	
closes March 12, 1943,	10 weeks
Five weeks vacation	
Spring term begins April 19,	
closes June 4, 1943,	7 weeks
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	32 weeks

Holidays to be observed by closing of schools are, Armistice Day, Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, Patriots' Day, April 19, and Memorial Day, May 30 to be observed on the Monday following. The following to be observed by appropriate exercises, but not by closing of schools; Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12, and Arbor Day on the date appointed by the Governor.

Some interruption of school weeks has been occasioned in the last 12 months by the teachers being called upon to act as registrars for the war time rationing program. All teachers have gladly and willingly made this their particular contribution to the war effort.

The schools continue to receive the services of Mrs. Laura Small, R. N., the school nurse, and through efforts of the teachers the services of Dr. Schurmann of Dexter as school physician.

Noon lunches for pupils are being prepared and served by all teachers. A canning project last summer in which the teachers contributed, also some government surplus commodities received, have been of great assistance.

## BUILDINGS

All three school buildings in use now have not only electric lighting, but also excellent new hard wood floors. The floors have made a noticeable improvement in warmth of the rooms in winter, and also in the sanitary condition of the rooms. They are far easier to keep dust free and clean, and also add much to the appearance of the rooms and entries.

As the interior of the Head-of-Pond School was in poorer condition than the other schools an effort has been made to bring it up to standard. Walls and ceilings have been spray painted in lighter colors, and new blackboards recently installed. The latter are of excellent quality, with suitable moldings and chalk rails. In all, considerable progress has been made in interior condition of buildings.

## FINANCIAL

It will be noted that a further reduction has been made in the size of the long standing school overdraft. This year the reduction is about \$100.00 in spite of the fact that much more than usual has been expended on buildings. In making an appropriation for the next year it should be borne in mind that the State has notified us that the Equalization Fund will be less by exactly \$300.00 for next year. This loss will be partly made up, it is hoped, by the fact that only three schools, instead of four, will be in operation. The school officials feel that the same appropriation as last year should be made. This, if done, may make possible the entire wiping out of the overdraft, so long desired.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES SEVEY,  
MRS. BERTHA KITTRIDGE,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
School Committee

D. W. ROLLINS,  
Supt. of Schools.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## COMMON SCHOOLS

## Resources

Appropriation	\$	2,800 00	
State School Fund		635 56	
Equalization Fund		1,458 00	
State, High School Tuition			
Re-imbursement		700 00	
Interest on Permanent School Fund		32 43	
		<hr/>	
	\$		5,625 99

## Expenditures

## TEACHERS' WAGES

## Mills School:

Rena L. Eaton, winter term,			
1942, 6 weeks	\$	102 00	
Rena L. Eaton, spring term,			
7 weeks,		119 00	
Rena L. Eaton, fall term,			
15 weeks		270 00	
Rena L. Eaton, winter term,			
4 weeks		72 00	
		<hr/>	
	\$		563 00

## Jones School:

Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,			
1942, 6 weeks,	\$	96 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, spring term,			
9 weeks,		144 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, fall term,			
14 weeks,		252 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,			
3 weeks		54 00	
		<hr/>	
	\$		546 00

## Head-of-Pond School:

Eugenia Swanton, winter term			
1942, 6 weeks	\$	102 00	

Eugenia Swanton, spring term,		
6 weeks,	102 00	
Inez Wakefield, fall term,		
15 weeks	270 00	
Inez Wakefield, winter term,		
5 weeks,	90 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 564 00

## Hillside School:

Elsie Dill, winter term,		
1942, 6 weeks,	\$ 90 00	
Elsie Dill, spring term,		
6 weeks	90 00	
School discontinued in fall		
	<hr/>	\$ 180 00

Total Teachers' Wages	\$ 1,853 00
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## FUEL

Elmer Pingree	\$ 54 00	
Charles Sevey	96 00	
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Total Fuel	\$ 150 00	

## RENT (In Lieu of Conveyance)

Mrs. L. B. Waldron,		
4½ months,	\$ 51 00	
Total Rent		\$ 51 00

## JANITORS' SERVICES

Galen Atwater	\$ 11 80	
Elsie Dill	12 00	
Richard Dore	1 00	
Albert Gould	22 50	
Lucy Gould	6 00	
Mellen Randall	30 50	
Leonel Rees	3 00	
Ernest Sevey	32 00	
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Total Janitors' Services	\$ 118 80	



## JANITORS' SUPPLIES

Beckley-Cardy Company	\$	15 91
Fay & Scott		1 60
B. H. Litchfield		9 77

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Total Janitors' Supplies	\$	27 28
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## CONVEYANCES

H. L. Wakefield	\$	524 00
Clyde Willard		77 50

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Total Conveyances	\$	601 50
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## CONVEYANCE AND COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$	423 15
Town of Harmony		112 50
Town of Hartland		36 00

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Total Conveyance and Common School Tuition	\$	571 65
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## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$	1,110 00
Town of Harmony		37 50
Hartland Academy		207 00
Higgins Classical Institute		185 00

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Total High School Tuition	\$	1,539 50
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## TEXTBOOKS

American Book Company	\$	19 70
A. E. Gager		6 16
Ginn and Company		10 50
Laidlaw Brothers		11 30
Lyons & Carnahan		13 16
Scott, Foresman & Company		13 28

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Total Textbooks	\$	74 10
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## APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

Beckley-Cardy Company	\$	2 25	
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Total Apparatus and Equipment	\$		2 25

## REPAIRS

Labor on new floors, blackboards, etc.	\$	117 00	
Bucknam & Mountain		15 55	
Checkerboard Feed Store		10 20	
J. L. Hammett Company		30 13	
Malcolm Kittridge		7 50	
B. H. Litchfield		11 75	
W. H. Moore & Son		17 20	
F. J. Quigley		15 00	
Pittsfield Plumbing and Hardware Company		3 50	
Charles Sevey		15 00	
H. L. Tillson & Company		3 00	
Labor on new floors, blackboards, etc.		109 00	
F. U. Witham		47 50	
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Total Repairs	\$		402 33

## MISCELLANEOUS

Central Maine Power Co.	\$	36 28	
Dexter School Department		7 25	
Fox & Ginn, Inc.		5 64	
J. L. Hammett Company		20 94	
Loring, Short & Harmon		18 55	
Kennebec & Somerset Express		8 37	
Maine Public Health Asso.		30	
The Educational Supply Co.		3 62	
The Paper Crafters, Inc.		25 76	
Treasurer of State of Maine		60	

Mrs. B. P. Webster	5 20
Total Miscellaneous	\$ 132 51
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,523 92

## SUMMARY

Total Resources	\$ 5,625 99
Expenditures:	
Teachers' Wages	\$ 1,853 00
Fuel	150 00
Rent	51 00
Janitors' Services	118 80
Janitors' Supplies	27 28
Conveyance	601 50
Conveyance and Common	
School Tuition	571 65
High School Tuition	1,539 50
Textbooks	74 10
Apparatus and Equipment	2 25
Repairs	402 33
Miscellaneous	132 51
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,523 92
Add Overdraft of year 1941-1942	289 12
Total Overdraft now	\$ 187 05
	\$ 5,813 04 \$ 5,813 04

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a report of the health work carried on in Ripley the past year.

## School

Height, weight, and general inspection in January and September in Mills, Jones and Pond Schools.

Total number inspected by Nurse	50
Total number examined by Doctor	45

**Number with defects**

Vision	1	Corrected	1
Inflamed lids	2	Under treatment	2
Hardened wax in ears			7
Cervical glands			9
Enlarged tonsils			12
Defective hearts			3
Number of children whose parents were present at the time of doctor's examination	30		
Number of conferences with teacher or superintendent of schools	12		
Number of conferences with parents	10		
Number of classroom talks	6		
Number of home visits	3		
Number inoculated with toxoid for life immunity against diphtheria. (Given in Oct. and Nov.)	47		

**Maternity**

Delivery	1
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**Health Supervision**

Number adults visited	3
Number infants visited	2
Number preschool visited	2

**Crippled Children**

Number office visits	2
Number home visits	3

**Total Number of Hours**

Time spent in school	18½
Time spent in office (records)	5½
Time spent in homes (16) School calls (4)	20
Time spent in travel	4

## Recommendation

For the continuation and improvement of the Health Program the following recommendations are suggested:

1. Corrections of defects found at time of physical examinations made in the schools.
2. Closer cooperation of teacher, parent and nurse; with the parent taking an active part in the health program, and assuming responsibility for his own child's health.
3. Prevention of communicable disease by immunization clinics for vaccination of smallpox and typhoid inoculations.
4. Assisting in the control of communicable disease by isolation at home of any child who appears ill.
5. For a better and healthier school environment.  
Pond school—screens for windows and door;  
Pond—new blackboards; Mills—adequate heat during cold weather.

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER PUBLIC HEALTH ASSO.

By: Laura S. Small, R. N.,  
Public Health Nurse.





## PRESERVE THIS REPORT

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A sufficient number of these reports have been printed to furnish every interested citizen with a copy. An effort has been made to get them into the hands of the voters in advance. It should be borne in mind that if copies are left at home there may not be a sufficient number at the hall to go around on town meeting day. This year or any year it is desirable for you to have a copy of the annual report as soon as issued. It is also important for you to preserve it and bring it with you town meeting day morning.



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# Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

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To Frank G. Laughton, constable of the Town of Ripley  
in the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

## GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the sixth day of March 1944 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners and vote their compensation.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more trustees of the Crock-er Library, a fire ward, and all other town officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school house repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition.

Art 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 12. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of the poor.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of Crocker Free Library.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid Highways.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 20, Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930 as amended by Chap. 169, P. L. 1937.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for maintenance of Third Class Highways.

Art. 20 To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$500.00 to be expended on the Ellms road so-called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 21. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$50.00 to be expended on the Boynton road, so-called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$1,500.00 to be expended on the North road, so-called or act anything thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$150.00 to be expended on the Tripp Road, so-called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$100.00 to be expended on Flush Hill road, so-called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$100.00 to be expended on the Laughton Road-so-called, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to run the Ripley-St. Albans town line.

Art. 27. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to repair the fence at Hale Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to purchase materials, and erect an Honor Roll, or act anything thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$48.00 for street lights or act anything thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$20.00 for Public Health Nurse.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$10.00 for Memorial.

Art. 32. To see if the town will grant and raise the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of retiring outstanding loans.

Art. 33. To see if the town will authorize the assessors to abate the 1940 and 1941 tax which is uncollectable.

Art. 34. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes.

Art. 35. To choose a tax collector and vote his compensation.



Art. 36. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer, to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1944-45 and instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes or act anything thereon.

Art. 37. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell the Hillside school house or act anything thereon.

Art. 38. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 14th day of February, A. D., 1944.

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
CHESTER FARRAR,  
CHARLES E. SEVEY,  
Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

# Report of Assessors

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Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1944

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1943

Resident Real Estate	\$ 107,910 00	
Non-Resident Real Estate	32,385 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 140,295 00
Resident Personal Estate	\$ 24,970 00	
Non-Resident Personal Estate	825 00	
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Total Valuation		\$ 166,090 00

Tax Rate \$54.50 per thousand

Number of Polls taxed 93

Number of Polls not taxed 20

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

	Av. Val.	Total Val.
63 Horses	\$ 94 29	\$5,940 00
3 Colts	100 00	300 00
270 Cows	36 15	9,760 00
91 3-year-olds	35 77	3,255 00
141 2-year-olds	26 53	3,740 00
Sheep (over 35 in number) 10	7 50	75 00

Swine (over 10 in number) 15	12 67	190 00
Poultry (over 50 in number) 330	74 00	245 00
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		\$23,505 00

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK

Colts (draft under 3 yrs. old) 3	\$ 66 66	\$ 200 00
123 Yearlings	13 58	1,670 00
155 Sheep	7 50	1,163 00
122 Swine	14 26	1,740 00
951 Poultry	68	651 00
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Total		\$ 5,424 00

## TAXES ASSESSED IN 1943

Assessed on 93 polls	\$ 279 00	
Assessed on resident real estate	5,881 10	
Assessed on non-res. real estate	1,764 98	
Assessed on res. personal estate	1,360 87	
Assessed on non-res. personal est.	44 96	
Average	39	
Supplemental	12 00	
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Commitment		\$ 9,343 30

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1943

Support of schools	\$ 2,800 00
Town ways and bridges	800 00
Snow removal	800 00
Support of poor	300 00
Town expenses	300 00
Interest on loans	500 00
Crocker Free Library	75 00
Maint. of State Aid Highways	400 00
Cutting bushes	100 00
Maint. of 3rd class highways	210 00
Street lights	48 00

Public health nurse	20 00	
Retiring outstanding notes	1,000 00	
Memorial Day	10 00	
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Total Town	\$	7,363 00
State tax	\$ 1,327 83	
County tax	265 37	
Overlay	375 10	
Supplemental	12 00	
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Grand Total	\$	9,343 30

## ABATEMENTS

Andrew Laughton, U S army \$	3 00	
Howard Knights, paid in Harmony	3 00	
Discount on taxes	163 17	
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	\$	169 17

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
J. C. FARRAR,  
C. E. SEVEY,

Assessors of Ripley.

# Report of Overseers of Poor

## RESIDENT

Fred Alton

Groceries and clothing \$ 152 83

John Webber

Groceries and fuel \$ 57 51

Floyd Rumery

Medical \$ 96 65

Roscoe Philbrick

Burial of Carl Philbrick \$ 90 00

Family of Soldier No. 1

Groceries, clothing medical  
and rent \$ 207 75

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Total resident \$ 604 74

Appropriation (Town) \$ 300 00

Received from family of  
Soldier No. 1 30 00

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\$ 330 00

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Overdraft \$ 274 74

## STATE POOR

Hardy Family \$ 659 15

Received from State of Maine 369 10

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Due \$ 290 05

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
CHESTER FARRAR,  
CHARLES E. SEVEY,

Overseers of Poor.

# Report of Selectmen

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Cash Balance Feb. 1, 1943	\$	347 95
Receipts:		19,674 62
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Total	\$	20,022 57
Warrants Drawn	\$	19,652 37
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Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1944	\$	397 20

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## WELFARE SECTION

### RESIDENT

Appropriation	\$	300 00
Received from Soldier No. 1		30 00
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Total	\$	330 00
Warrants drawn		604 74
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Overdraft	\$	274 74

### STATE POOR

Received from State	\$	369 10
Warrants drawn		659 15
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Due from State	\$	290 05

## EDUCATIONAL SECTION

Appropriation	\$	2,800 00
Equalization Fund		1,158 00
State School Fund		1,344 64

Int. on School Fund Note	32 43	
School Census Supplement	20 85	
		<hr/> \$ 5,355 92
Warrants drawn	\$ 5,714 64	
Overdraft for 1943	\$ 358 72	
Old Overdraft	\$ 187 05	
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Present Overdraft	\$ 545 77	

### HIGHWAY SECTION

#### WINTER

Appropriation	\$ 800 00	
State reimbursement	3,286 77	
Received from Town of Harmony	272 00	
Received from John Bulman	64 00	
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Total Receipts	\$ 4,422 77	
Warrants drawn	3,931 06	
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Unexpended	\$ 491 71	

### STATE AID ACCOUNT

1942 Appropriation	\$ 450 00
Unexpended	\$ 450 00

### TOWN ROADS

Appropriation	\$ 800 00	
Warrants drawn	795 16	
Unexpended	\$ 4 84	

### BUSHES

Appropriation	\$ 100 00	
Warrants drawn	34 00	
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Unexpended	\$ 66 00	



## THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	210 00	
Warrants drawn		290 74	
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Overdraft	\$		80 74

## STATE AID PATROL

Appropriation	\$	400 00	
Warrant drawn		379 80	
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Unexpended	\$		20 20

## TOWN DEBT REDUCTION

Appropriation	\$	1,000 00	
Warrants drawn		3,400 00	
Paid from back taxes and unexpended balances		2,400 00	

## INTEREST

Appropriation	\$	500 00	
Warrants drawn		453 57	
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Unexpended	\$		46 43

## SUPPORT OF CROCKER LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$	75 00	
Warrants drawn	\$	75 00	

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$	10 00	
Warrant drawn		2 40	
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Unexpended	\$		7 60

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation	\$	48 00
Warrants drawn	\$	48 00

**HEALTH NURSE**

Appropriation	\$	20 00
Warrants drawn	\$	20 00

**TEMPORARY LOANS**

Money hired	\$	1,000 00
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**CONTINGENT**

Appropriation	\$	300 00
Payment in lieu of taxes		116 85
Overlay		375 10
1943 excise tax		268 39
Interest from notes		44 00
State tax refund		38 41
Dog tax refund		21 60
Tax lien costs		27 00
Use of Linn tractor		20 00
J. M. Laughton, error		10 00
Grader rental		6 00
Bank stock		7 58
Sale of Decker buildings		200 00
Frank Alton, payment on note		50 00

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Total receipts	\$	1,484 93
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**Warrants:**

Officers' Salaries	\$	599 40
School Superintendent		218 08
Audit		112 25
Collector's commission and fees		391 06
Mowing bushes in cemeteries		24 00
Election expense		3 50

Town Hall	38 21
Office supplies	48 50
Insurance	15 00
Bank service	9 67
Miscellaneous	80 75

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Total	\$ 1,540 42
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Overdraft	\$ 55 49
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### STATE TAX

Assessed	\$ 1,327 83
Warrant	\$ 1,327 83

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### COUNTY TAX

Assessed	\$ 265 37
Warrant	\$ 265 37

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### TAXES

#### DOG TAX

Collected	\$ 44 55
Warrants	\$ 44 55

#### 1943 TAXES

Commitment	\$ 9,343 30
Collected	9,067 97
Liens	275 33

#### 1942 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1943	\$ 978 58
Collected	871 25

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Balance due	\$ 107 33
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## 1941 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1943	\$	174 20
Collected		131 00

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Balance due	\$	43 20
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## 1940 TAXES

Due, Feb. 1, 1942	\$	36 11
Interest		30

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Total	\$	36 41
Collected		33 41

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Balance due	\$	3 00
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## 1943 TAX LIENS

1943 Tax Liens	\$	275 33
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## 1942 TAX LIENS

1942 Tax liens	\$	654 09
Received		208 08

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Balance due	\$	446 01
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## 1941 TAX LIENS

1941 Tax liens	\$	482 76
Received		460 56

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Balance	\$	22 20
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## GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

Decker Farm, so-called sale of buildings	\$	200 00
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## FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$	397 20
Albert Sevey, note on mortgage		700 00
Frank Alton, deed		100 00
1942 taxes		107 33

1941 taxes	43 20	
1940 tax	3 00	
1943 tax lien	275 33	
1942 tax lien	446 01	
Town property (Daymon lot)	100 00	
Due from State (Hardy acc't.)	290 05	
1941 tax deed	22 20	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,484 32

## Liabilities

Notes	\$ 7,130 00	
Trust funds		
(library & cemetery)	2,011 54	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,141 54
School fund grant		\$ 540 54
Net town debt	\$ 6,657 22	

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Raymond Farrar	\$ 14 00
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## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Clifton Skillings	\$ 6 00
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Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LAUGHTON,  
 CHESTER FARRAR,  
 CHARLES E. SEVEY,

Selectmen of Ripley.

# Report of Treasurer

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1943	\$	347 95
Receipts		19,674 62

Total Receipts	\$	20,022 57
Paid Selectmen's Warrants		19,625 37

Cash in Treasury Feb. 1, 1944	\$	397 20
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## LIBRARY FUND

Amount in Treasury Feb. 1, 1943		
Town Note	\$	850 00
Cash		104 11
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	\$	954 11
Interest on note	\$	34 00
State stipend		7 50
Fines and Dues		3 80
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	\$	999 41
Paid for books and supplies		26 57

Amount in Treasury Feb. 1, 1944	\$	972 84
Town note	\$	850 00
Cash		122 84
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	\$	972 84

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town note	\$	1,061 54
Nora Hamilton Fund		100 00
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	\$	1,161 54
Interest paid for care of lots	\$	42 46

Respectfully submitted,  
 F. L. HASELTINE,  
 Treasurer of Ripley.

# Report of Town Clerk

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

1943

- June 4 To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cooley, a daughter.  
Nov. 10 To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jewett, a daughter.  
Nov. 18 To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton, a daughter.

### Marriages

1943

- Mar. 21 Mr. Marshall Spaulding, Jr. to Miss Martha Elizabeth Willard.  
Sept. 17 Mr. Joseph Bernard Brown to Miss Geraldine Ethel Wilbur.  
Sept. 24 Mr. Linwood Hiram Bane to Miss Winnifred Arlene Ham.  
Nov. 27. Mr. Henry Dexter Richardson to Miss Arlene E. Chadbourne.

### Deaths

- Mar. 8 Mary Stafford Thurston, age 80 yrs., 7 mos. 28 das.  
Apr. 29 John G. Jewett, age 74 yrs., 11 mos., 28 das.  
June 4 Moses Watson, age 82 yrs., 9 mos., 9 das.  
Sept. 6 Ada Curtis Lane, age 70 yrs., 11 mos., 3 das.  
Oct. 5 Charlotte Raymond, age 53 yrs., 9 mos., 4 da.  
Dec. 24 Freeman C. Cole, age 83 yrs., 0 mos., 21 das.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELMA SEVEY,

Town Clerk.



# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the Citizens of Ripley:

Following is a brief annual report submitted by your school officials.

Three schools are in operation this year, as was the case last year. Children at West Ripley and certain other localities not easily accessible to the Ripley schools are provided for in Hartland, Harmony and Dexter. These arrangements seem to best meet the convenience and advantage of those concerned, and at less cost than any other plans that have so far been found.

This year Ripley has 19 students in Dexter High School, and 1 student in Harmony High School. 15 elementary pupils are attending outside the town limits; 9 in Dexter, 5 in Harmony and 1 in Hartland. Those going to Hartland and Harmony were formerly in the West Ripley School.

The legal tuition rates charged by high schools concerned are: Dexter \$82.00 per year and Harmony \$95.00 per year.

Enrollment of the in-town schools at the end of the fall term of this year was as follows, according to the office record: Head-of-Pond School 20, Mills School 16, Jones School 17.

The term plan which it is hoped to follow for the school year will be as follows:

1943-1944

Fall term opened Sept. 7, closed Dec. 17 15 weeks

Two weeks vacation

Winter term began Jan. 3, closes Mar. 19, 1944,  
10 weeks

Three weeks vacation

Spring term begins April 3, closes  
June 2, 1944 9 weeks

The above plan, is however subject to change if found necessary for any reason.

Remarkable little time has been lost on account of stormy weather, even though many school days have been somewhat severe.

The following legal school holidays will be observed during the balance of this school year by closing of schools, Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, Patriots' Day, April 19, and Memorial Day, May 30.

At last report there were between forty and fifty rural schools in this state closed because of the impossibility of finding teachers. 19 of the smaller high schools have been closed for the same reason. Ripley is fortunate in having available local teachers who can carry on during the present emergency.

As in former years the schools have the services of the school nurse, in this case Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, R. N. It is hoped that it may again be made possible in some way to have some service from Dr. Shurman, the school physician.

The usual noon lunch program is being carried on by the teachers. In the absence of the former assistance of government surplus commodities the canned goods put up at the Canning Center last summer by several Ripley ladies have been very useful. This was a patriotic contribution of time and work by the teachers and other ladies.

### BUILDINGS

Owing to many circumstances very little has been done this year in the matter of up-keep of the school

buildings. The total expenditure has been only \$11.85. The improvements made last year are still appreciated, the lights and floors in particular. The new floors should have received a protective coat of hard varnish before this, and we hope this may not have to wait much longer. There is now much that should be done, particularly outside paint and repairs.

### FINANCIAL

In spite of the fact that all expenses have been kept as low as conditions seemed to allow, the overdraft is again up instead of smaller as hoped. Many factors have been involved, resources being about \$300.00 less as it turns out and some expenses higher than last year. Teachers wages had to be slightly higher, but are even now much lower than in most of the smaller towns. This increase totals only about \$75.00 for the year. A comparison with last year's itemized statement in the town report throws much light on the situation.

According to a recent notice from the State Department of Education none of the 3 towns in this union will receive equalization money next year. The reason given for Ripley is "tax rate below average". This fund for the year just past was \$1,158.00. Ripley will receive in all probability \$270.00 more on the state school fund, which leaves a difference of \$888.00 to be made up in some way, as it would appear at this time.

Respectfully submitted

MRS. BERTHA KITTRIDGE,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
CHARLES SEVEY,

School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS,

Supt. of Schools.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a summary of the health work carried on the past year through the field nurse of the Dexter Public Health Association.

### A. HEALTH SERVICE TO SCHOOLS

1. Classroom visits	7
2. No. of individual inspections	30
3. No. of conferences with teacher or superintendent	10

### B. MATERNITY

1. No. of deliveries attended	3
2. No. of home visits to mothers	2
3. No. of home visits to infants	2

### C. CRIPPLED CHILDREN

1. No. of home visits	1
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### D. IMMUNIZATION

1. Smallpox vaccinations	35
2. Tuberculin Tests	51

The Seven Point Awards to the schools in Ripley are as follows:

Mills School	3
Jones School	3

This program is limited by the budget the town provides. Emergency calls, however, are answered and routine visits to town made.

Respectfully submitted,  
DEXTER PUBLIC HEALTH ASSO.

By: Elizabeth Baker, R. N.  
Public Health Nurse

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMMON SCHOOLS

### Resources

Appropriation	\$ 2,800 00
State School Fund	665 49
State Equalization Fund	1,158 00

State, High School Tuition

Re-imbursement 700 00

Interest on Permanent School Fund 32 43

—————\$ 5,355 92

Expenditures  
Teachers' Wages

Mills School:

Rena L. Eaton, winter term,

1943, 6 weeks \$ 108 00

Rena L. Eaton, spring term,

7 weeks 126 00

Adelma L. Sevey, fall term,

15 weeks 316 80

Adelma L. Sevey, winter term

1944, 4 weeks 85 43

—————\$ 636 23

Jones School:

Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,

1943, 7 weeks \$ 126 00

Gertrude S. Farrar, spring term,

7 weeks 126 00

Gertrude S. Farrar, fall term,

15 weeks 316 80

Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,

1944, 4 weeks 85 43

—————\$ 654 23

Head-of-Pond School:

Inez B. Wakefield, winter term,

1943, 7 weeks \$ 126 00

Inez B. Wakefield, spring term,

6 weeks 108 00

Inez B. Wakefield, fall term,

15 weeks 316 80

Inez B. Wakefield, winter term,

1944, 4 weeks 85 43

—————\$ 636 23

Total Teachers' Wages

\$ 1,926 69

## FUEL

Bert Britten	\$	3 00	
Albert Sevey		54 00	
Harlan Wilkins		49 45	
Linwood Haseltine		1 50	
F. L. Haseltine		75 00	
Lester Pingree		60 00	
Clayton E. Jewett		74 25	
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		\$	317 20

## JANITORS

Richard Dore	\$	13 25	
Ernest Sevey		15 00	
Albert Gould		12 00	
Mellen Randall		9 00	
Richard Sevey		23 75	
Eugene Gould		23 75	
Harold Tewksbury		3 75	
Adelma L. Sevey (Pd. to pupils)		13 75	
Inez Wakefield, for school league		6 00	
Linwood Haseltine		5 00	
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		\$	125 25

## JANITORS' SUPPLIES

B. H. Litchfield	\$	9 05	
White-Washbourne Co., Inc.		19 88	
H. L. Tillson & Co.		1 10	
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		\$	30 03

## CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS

H. L. Wakefield	\$	548 00	
Clyde Willard		71 00	
Arthur Chadbourne		18 00	
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		\$	637 00

## CONVEYANCE &amp; COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$	450 25	
Town of Corinna		3 00	
Town of Hartland		36 00	
Town of Harmony		225 00	
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		\$	714 25



## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$	1,375 00	
Hartland Academy		300 00	
Town of Harmony		47 50	
Higgins Classical Institute		60 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 1,782 50

## TEXTBOOKS

American Book Company	\$	5 78	
Lyons & Carnahan		1 39	
Charles E. Merrill Co.		4 03	
J. L. Hammett Co.		3 90	
Ginn & Company		4 70	
Houghton Mifflin Co.		3 26	
Maine Pub. Health Asso.		33	
Scott, Foresman & Company		45 61	
Silver Burdett & Company		4 66	
The Macmillan Company		2 69	
		<hr/>	\$ 76 35

## MISCELLANEOUS

Central Maine Power Co.	\$	37 85	
Kennebec & Somerset Express		9 54	
B. H. Litchfield		1 95	
Milford Products Co.		4 70	
Educational Supply Co.		6 43	
J. L. Hammett Company		7 55	
Beckley-Cardy Company		8 32	
Maine Pub. Health Asso.		30	
Gertrude S. Farrar		1 75	
Gazette Publishing Co.		2 75	
The Papercrafters, Inc.		7 68	
H. L. Tillson & Co.		4 70	

Total Textbooks	\$	93 52
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## REPAIRS

H. L. Tillson & Co.	\$	4 35	
Elmer Pingree		1 50	



Arthur Buck	4 00
Gerald Gerry	2 00

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Total Repairs	\$ 11 85
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Total Expenditures	\$ 5,714 64
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## SUMMARY

Total Resources	\$ 5,355 92
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## Expenditures:

Teachers' Wages	\$ 1,926 69
Fuel	317 20
Janitors & Cleaning	125 25
Janitors' Supplies	30 03
Conveyance	637 00
Conveyance & Common School	
Conveyance	714 25
High School Tuition	1,782 50
Textbooks	76 35
Miscellaneous & Supplies	93 52
Repairs	11 85

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Total Expenditures	\$ 5,714 64
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Add Overdraft of 1942-1943	187 05
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Total Overdraft Now	\$ 545 77
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# Town Warrant

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To Frank G. Laughton, constable of the Town of Ripley  
in the County of Somerset, State of Maine.

## GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the fifth day of March, 1945 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To vote the compensation of all town officers or act anything thereon.

Art. 5. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 6. To choose a town treasurer.

Art. 7. To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 8. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 9. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library, a fire ward, and all other town officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools, school house repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and bridges in summer.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of the poor.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of Crocker Free Library.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid highways.

Art. 18. To grant and raise a sum of money for cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote "yes or no" on the question of appropriating money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 20, Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of 1930 as amended by Chap. 169, P. L. 1937.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money for maintenance of Third-class highways.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$48.00 for street lights.



Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$20.00 for the Public Health Nurse.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$10.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 24. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes.

Art. 25. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes.

Art. 26. To choose a tax collector and vote his compensation.

Art. 27. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1945-46 and instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money sufficient to paint the West Ripley cemetery fence, or act anything thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be expended on the West Ripley Cemetery.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars for a school doctor.

Art. 31. To see if the town will accept as a trust fund the sum of \$100, the income to be used for the perpetual care of John W. Berry lot in Fern Dale Cemetery.

Art. 32. To see if the town will accept as a trust fund the sum of \$150, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Herbert T. and Philip T. Additon lot.

Art. 33. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money sufficient to repair the town tractor.

Art. 34. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money to buy a heavy truck to be used for town purposes under the jurisdiction of the selectmen.

Art. 35. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$50. to be expended on the Boynton Road so-called or act anything thereon.

Art. 36. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to buy a building for the purpose of storing town-owned equipment, or act anything thereon.

Art. 37. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 13th day of February, A. D. 1945.

LINWOOD H. HASELTINE,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
CHARLES E. SEVEY,

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

# Report of Assessors

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Ripley, Maine, February 1, 1945

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

## VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1944

Resident Real Estate	\$ 105,880 00	
Non-resident Real Estate	33,135 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 139,015 00
Resident Personal Estate	\$ 27,150 00	
Non-resident Personal Estate	420 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 27,570 00
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Total Valuation		\$ 166,585 00

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK

	Av. Val.	Total Val.
69 Horses	\$ 86 52	\$ 5,970 00
3 Colts	83 33	250 00
291 Cows	35 34	10,285 00
131 3 yr. olds	34 16	4,475 00
146 2 yr. olds	25 25	3,685 00
12 Swine	5 42	65 00
328 Poultry	99	325 00
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		\$ 25,055 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

		Av. Val.	Total Val.
3 Colts	\$	53 33	\$ 160 00
167 Yearlings		13 86	2,325 00
170 Sheep		7 41	1,260 00
160 Swine		8 66	1,385 00
1216 Poultry		99	1,230 00
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			\$ 6,360 00

## TAXES ASSESSED IN 1944

Assessed on 85 Polls	\$	255 00	
Assessed on Res. Real Estate		6,985 86	
Assessed on Non. Res. Real Est.		2,184 78	
Assessed on Res. Pers. Estate		1,791 90	
Assessed on Non. Res. Pers. Est.		27 20	
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			\$ 11,244 74
Supplemental Tax			15 00
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Total Commitment			\$ 11,259 74
Town Appropriations	\$	9,462 00	
State Tax		1,327 83	
County Tax		265 37	
Overlay		189 54	
Supplemental		15 00	
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			\$ 11,259 74

## 1944 ABATEMENTS

Bernard Brown,		
Paid in Newport	\$	3 00
Ernest Collicut, Soldier		3 99
Harry Dore, pd. in Dexter		3 00
K. O. Stafford, pd. in Bath		3 00
Discount allowed before July 10,		204 06

## 1940 ABATEMENTS

K. C. Sampson		3 00
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## 1941 ABATEMENTS

K. C. Sampson	\$	3 00
Chas. Worden, pd. in Dexter		6 00
Roy Lane, heirs uncollectable		5 10

LINWOOD H. HASELTINE,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
CHARLES E. SEAVEY,

Assessors of the Town of Ripley.

# Report of Overseers of Poor

Appropriation	\$	300 00
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Resident

Fred Alton

Warrants drawn:

L. H. Haseltine,		
pd. Vicnaire for butter	\$	14 00
Dr. C. E. Beaulieu, medical		13 00
Gordon Remnant Co., clothing		31 71
B. H. Litchfield, groc. & supplies		148 26
Chas. Sevey,		
pd. for flour and blankets		8 50
Chas. Sevey, transportation		26 00
E. A. Hamilton, potatoes		4 00
J. C. Farrar, potatoes		1 00
Garnett Bubar, butter		10 00
	—————\$	256 47

John Webber

Vincent's I. G. A .Store		14 16
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Total Warrants	\$	270 63
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Unexpended Balance	\$	29 37
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## Non-resident

Pd. support of Hardy Family \$	629 37	
Due from State Feb. 1, 1944	312 05	
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Total	\$	941 42
Received from State		805 02
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Due from State, Feb. 1, 1945	\$	136 40

CHARLES E. SEAVEY,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
LINWOOD H. HASELTINE,

Overseers of the Poor of Ripley.



# Report of Selectmen

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## CASH

Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1944	\$	366 38	
Receipts		18,753 58	
		<hr/>	\$ 19,119 96
Warrants drawn			19,015 04
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Cash Balance, Feb. 1, 1945	\$		104 92

## 1944 TAXES

Committed to collector	\$	11,244 74	
Supplemental committed		15 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 11,259 74
Rec'd from collector	\$	10,204 49	
1944 Taxes abated		12 99	
Discount allowed		204 06	
Tax liens accepted		838 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 11,259 74

## 1944 EXCISE TAX

Received from Collector	\$	285 78	
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Transferred to Gen. Adm.	\$		285 78

## 1945 EXCISE TAX

Rec'd from Collector	\$	20 00	
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Transferred to Gen. Adm.	\$		20 00

## 1942 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	118 18	
Rec'd from collector		\$	5 90
Balance due			112 28
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	\$	118 18	

## 1941 TAXES

Bal. due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	43 20	
Rec'd from collector		\$	29 10
Abated by vote of town			14 10
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	\$	43 20	

## 1940 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	3 00	
Abated by vote of town		\$	3 00

## 1944 TAX LIENS

Accepted by selectmen from collector			
Frank Alton	\$	11 55	
Coburn Cooley		36 30	
Marie Kimball		184 80	
Albert Sevey		105 60	
Adelma Sevey		77 55	
Marguerite Drake		6 60	
John Sevey		122 10	
Donald Hopkins		31 35	
Lionel Parker		141 90	
Robert Neal		61 05	
R. Weston Mills		59 40	
		<hr/>	\$ 838 20
Received during year, Robert Neal	\$		61 05
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Balance receivable	\$		777 15

## 1943 TAX LIENS

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	275 33	
Rec'd from Treasurer			\$ 428 90
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Bal. due Feb. 1, 1945	\$		235 82

## 1942 TAX LIENS

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	446 01	
Rec'd from Treasurer			\$ 428 90
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Due Feb. 1, 1945	\$		17 11

## 1941 TAX DEED

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	25 20	
Rec'd from Treasurer			\$ 17 70
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Due Feb. 1, 1945	\$		7 50

## 1940 TAX LIENS

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	12 62	
Due Feb. 1, 1945			\$ 12 62

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Due from prior years	\$	33 20	
Charged to Net Debt			\$ 33 20

## 1944 DOG TAX

Paid State Treasurer	\$	64 10	
Rec'd from Town Clerk			\$ 35 40
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Due from Clerk	\$		28 70

## STATE POOR

Due from State, Feb. 1, 1944	\$	312 05	
Pd. for support Lydia Hardy		629 37	
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Total	\$		941 42

Rec'd from State		805 02
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Due from State	\$	136 40
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## A. L. SEVEY NOTE

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	700 00
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Due Feb. 1, 1945	\$	700 00
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## J. M. LAUGHTON NOTE

Note rec'd during year	\$	37 60
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Note pd. and trans. to Gen. Adm.	\$	37 60
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## FRANK ALTON NOTE

Due Feb. 1, 1944	\$	100 00
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Rec'd during year		50 00
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Bal. due Feb. 1945	\$	50 00
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## BILLED TO ST. ALBANS

Due for plowing	\$	37 95
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To credit Net Debt	\$	37 95
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## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Payable Feb. 1, 1944	\$	1,161 54
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Payable Feb. 1, 1945	\$	1,161 54
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## LIBRARY TRUST FUND

Payable Feb. 1, 1944	\$	850 00
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Added to Note during year		100 00
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Payable Feb. 1, 1945	\$	950 00
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## NOTES PAYABLE

Payable Feb. 1, 1944	\$	7,130 00
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Pd. during year		850 00
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Payable Feb. 1, 1945	\$	6,280 00
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## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Payable from prior years	\$	47 76	
Written off books, ch'd to Net Debt	\$		47 76

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Hired during year	\$	1,300 00	
Pd. during year			\$ 1,300 00

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$	300 00	
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## Receipts

1943 Dog Tax	11 70
Payment in lieu of taxes	111 72
Plywood, Chas. Ellms	16 00
Overlay	189 54
Tractor credit from 3rd Class	27 40
Bank Stock tax	6 82
Part Paym't on Hillside schoolhouse	12 40
Dog tax refund, State	1 60
Raymond Farrar, 1943 acct.	14 00
1945 Excise Tax	20 00
Lost check from prior yr.	9 00
Rec'd from St. Albans, plowing	61 20
1944 Excise Tax	285 78
Supplemental Tax	15 00
Lien Costs collected	25 50
Bal. on Hillside schoolhouse	37 60

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Total receipts \$ 1,145 26

## Warrants

Telephone	\$ 17 87	Town Clerk:	
Tractor jack	25 00	Adelma Sevey	20 00
Bank service	9 17	Expenses	5 00
Hall lights	12 00	Justice of Peace, fees	5 00
Supt's Salary	266 67	Treasurer:	
Office supplies	17 95	F. L. Haseltine	40 00
Town reports	43 25	Expenses	10 00

Plywood, Ellms	16 00	Tax Collector:	
School Doctor	15 00	F. L. Haseltine	
Clayton Jewett,		Com. on '44 Taxes	331 27
damages to field	10 00	Com. on '44 Ex. Tax	8 57
Insurance	69 00	Com. on back taxes	1 05
Gas, oil etc., summer	30 13	Com. on '45 Ex. Tax	60
State Audit	78 69	Fee for writing lien	
Mowing cemeteries	20 00	notices	53 00
Register of Deeds	16 00	Fee pd. to Justice of	
Moderator,		Peace	5 75
Clayton Jewett	3 00	School Board:	
Selectmen:		H. L. Wakefield	5 00
L. Haseltine	75 00	Chas. E. Sevey	5 00
H. L. Wakefield	40 00	Bertha Kittridge	5 00
Chas. E. Sevey	35 00	Fire Ward:	
Assessors:		Harry Buzzell	24 18
L. H. Haseltine	55 00	Town of Dexter	
H. L. Wakefield	55 00	Fire Dept.	70 00
Chas. E. Sevey	55 00	State Dog tax	
Ballot clerks:		deficiency, 1943	27 55
L. H. Haseltine	15 00	Work on Chandler Hill	
H. L. Wakefield	15 00	after washout:	
Chas. E. Sevey	15 00	L. H. Haseltine	2 48
J. Ed. Page	15 00	Elmer Sevey	5 48
Total Warrants		\$	1,649 66
Overdraft		\$	504 40

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$	48 00
Pd. on Warrants	\$	48 00

## HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	\$	20 00
Pd. on Warrants	\$	20 00

## WINTER

Appropriation	\$	800 00
Reimbursed from State		3,227 84
Rec'd from A. L. Sevey, chains		23 77

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Total receipts \$ 4,051 61

## Warrants

Hugh Rowell	\$ 2 50	P. T. Additon	7 00
Roy Sevey	102 80	Ernestine Philbrick	4 96
Albert Sevey	524 90	Maynard Rumery	9 92
Raymond Farrar	263 42	E. A. Hamilton	3 72
Chester Farrar	68 06	Edward Scott	7 44
Garnett Bubar	5 40	Chas. Ellms, Jr.	60 22
Lester Pingree	116 77	Arthur Curtis	50 00
Abram McDougal	2 17	F. L. Haseltine	6 66
L. H. Haseltine	324 94	Clyde Knowles	56 43
John Wakefield	294 96	James Bubar	161 92
Geo. Greaves	74 54	Laurel Bubar	33 62
Harry Buzzell	57 90	Mellen Randall	14 88
Raymond Chase	3 00	Merton Mills	2 48
Ernest Raymond	6 82	Harold Sawyer	6 20
Harold Tewksbury	1 86	Ralph Sawyer	3 72
Rowell & Clark	51 30	Walter Richardson	6 20
Walter Butler	33 92	Edward Farrar	2 48
Ford & Smiley	628 50	Clayton Jewett	4 00
B. H. Litchfield	262 45	Norman Chadbourne	
Ernest Turner	4 96	½ of Contract	126 50
Robert Neal	2 76	Elmer Sevey	30 14
H. L. Wakefield	79 38	Vernal Sinclair	560 49
Bucknam & Mountain	16 36	David Thompson	117 65
J. M. Laughton	26 75	Robert Bunker	2 50
Chas. E. Sevey	90 88	Henry Richardson	19 53
Fay & Scott	19 18	Bert Britten	3 72
Clifton Skillings	22 90	Howard Sevey	1 00
Abbie's Ezzo Station	22 00	Richard Sevey	1 00
Earl Bubar	9 30	Ernest Sevey	1 00
L. S. Brown	2 63	Carl Tewksbury	136 49
Wm. McDougall	4 96	Coll. of Int. Revenue	86 01
Geo. McDougall	7 44		
Total Warrants		\$	4,668 59
Overdraft		\$	616 98

## SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation			\$ 1,200 00
	Warrants Drawn		
Ernest Johnson	\$ 7 44	Merton Mills	31 00
Ernest Turner	44 64	Leslie Rees	14 88
William McDougal	11 16	Henry Bell	7 44
L. S. Brown	1 55	Mellen Randall	7 44
Geo. McDougall	31 92	F. L. Haseltine	4 96
Amos Lord	8 00	A. L. Sevey	12 40
Harold Sawyer	7 44	Alton Gould	52 70
L. H. Haseltine	63 42	Albert Gould	19 84
John Wakefield	107 73	Milton Gould	19 84
Maynard Rumery	54 56	J. M. Laughton	12 40



Ralph Sawyer	12 92	B. H. Litchfield	57 11
Harlan Wilkins	35 28	William Glidden	4 34
Elmer Sevey	26 44	James Bubar	29 25
H. L. Wakefield	146 94	Col. Int. Revenue	15 48
Chas. E. Sevey	116 70		

Total Warrants	\$	965 22
Unexpended	\$	234 78

## MAINTENANCE THIRD CLASS ROADS

Appropriation	\$	209 00
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## Warrants Drawn

Elmer Sevey	\$	63 71	H. L. Wakefield	18 60
Chas. Sevey		14 88	Town Tractor	27 40
Maynard Rumery		14 88	State grader	24 78
Alex Yakemore		2 40	Harlan Wilkins	2 48
L. H. Haseltine		12 40		

Total Warrants	\$	181 53
Unexpended	\$	27 47

## MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROADS

Appropriation	\$	360 00
Pd. State Treasurer		379 80
Overdraft	\$	19 80

## CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	\$	100 00
Unexpended	\$	100 00

## 1941 STATE AID APPROPRIATION

Brought Forward	\$	450 00
Carried to next year	\$	450 00

## TOWN POOR

Appropriation	\$	300 00
Warrants drawn		270 63
Unexpended	\$	29 37

## EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$ 3,500 00
Rec'd Tuition, St. Albans	172 00
State School Fund	1,521 75
Int. on School Fund	32 43

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Total Receipts	\$ 5,226 18
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## Warrants Drawn

Teachers:		Insurance:	
Adelma Sevey	\$ 734 70	National Grange	
Gertrude Farrar	734 70	Liability Co.	16 28
Inez Wakefield	734 70	Misc. Books and Supplies:	
Janitors:		Scott Foresman & Co.	24 22
Adelma Sevey	28 75	H. L. Tillson	14 04
L. H. Haseltine	13 75	Central Maine	
Richard Sevey	42 50	Power Co.	40 52
Eugene Gould	42 50	Educational Sup. Co.	98
Conveyance:		Beckly Cardy	8 40
H. L. Wakefield	652 00	Silver Burdett	2 56
Arthur Chadbourne	30 00	Eastern Gazette	10 00
Tuition:		Davis Drug Store	90
Hartland Academy	157 50	Row. Peterson	99
Town of Hartland	18 00	Ginn Co.	25 05
Town of Harmony	160 00	Webster Pub. Co.	2 92
Town of Dexter	1,008 59	Chas. Merrill	7 03
Cleaning:		American Book Co.	9 93
Gladys Tewksbury	8 00	Loring, Short and	
Ernestine Philbrick	12 00	Harmon	1 50
Fuel:		Edward Babb Co.	9 77
Harlan Wilkins	48 00	Carolyn V. Thomas	7 74
Raymond Farrar	86 63	Laidlaw Bros.	88
Lester Pingree	82 50	Gledhill Bros.	23 82
Total Warrants	\$ 5,642 05		
1944 Overdraft	545 77		

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	\$ 6,187 82
Overdraft carried to 1945-46	\$ 961 64

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 10 00
Pd. for flags	3 60

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Unexpended	\$ 6 40
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## CROCKER LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$	75 00	
Paid Librarian			\$ 75 00

## RUNNING TOWN LINE

Appropriation	\$	200 00	
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## Warrants Drawn

Town of St. Albans	\$	173 17	
Roy Sevey		11 16	
L. H. Haseltine		5 00	
H. L. Wakefield		5 00	
Chas. E. Sevey		5 00	

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Total Warrants	\$	199 33	
Unexpended	\$	67	

## HONOR ROLL

Appropriation	\$	25 00	
Rec'd from 4-H Club boys		1 00	
Rec'd from 4-H Club girls		1 00	

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Total Available	\$	27 00	
Warrant to Dexter School Dept.		25 25	
Unexpended	\$	1 75	

## REPAIR HALE CEMETERY FENCE

Appropriation	\$	15 00	
Unexpended	\$	15 00	

## CEMETERIES

Bal. from prior years	\$	4 00	
Unexpended	\$	4 00	

## RETIRING OUTSTANDING NOTES

Appropriation	\$	2,000 00	
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Paid during year	850 00
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Unexpended	\$ 1,150 00

## INTEREST ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$ 300 00
For perpetual care	7 74
Int. on Alton note	6 00
Int. on Sevey note	35 00
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Total receipts	\$ 348 74

## Warrants Drawn

Int. on library note	\$ 37 33
Int. on cemetery trust funds	45 78
Int. on perm. notes	285 20
Int. on School fund	32 43
Int. on Temporary loans	34 21
Total warrants	\$ 434 95
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Overdraft	\$ 86 21

## STATE TAX

Assessed by State	\$ 1,327 83
Pd. on warrant	\$ 1,327 83

## COUNTY TAX

Assessed by County	\$ 265 37
Pd. on warrant	\$ 265 37

## OVERLAY

Assessed by town assessors	\$ 189 54
Transferred to Gen. Administration	\$ 189 54

## PROOF OF NET GAIN FOR 1944-45

## Financial Standing Feb. 1, 1944

Cash on hand	\$ 366 38
'42 taxes	118 18

'41 taxes	43 20
'40 taxes	3 00
'43 tax liens	275 33
'42 tax liens	446 01
'41 tax deeds	25 20
'40 liens	12 62
Accounts receivable	33 20
State Poor overdraft	312 05
Sevey Note	700 00
Alton note	100 00
School overdraft	545 77

Total assets		\$ 2,980 94
Cem. Trust Funds	\$ 1,161 54	
Bal. in library acc't	7 50	
Library note	850 00	
Ministerial & School Fund	540 55	
Outstanding notes	7,130 00	
Accounts Payable	47 76	
1941 Bal. State Aid	450 00	
Cemetery Acc't Balance	4 00	

Total liabilities	\$ 10,191 35
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Net debt Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 7,210 41
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#### Financial Standing Feb. 1, 1945

Cash on hand	\$ 104 92
'42 taxes	112 28
'44 tax liens	777 15
'43 tax liens	235 82
'42 tax liens	17 11
'41 tax deed	7 50
'40 liens	12 62
Dog tax due from clerk	28 70
State Poor overdraft	136 40
Sevey note	700 00
Alton note	50 00

Due from St. Albans, plowing	37 95
School overdraft	961 64

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Total assets		\$	3,182 09
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$	1,161 54	
Library note		950 00	
Ministerial & School Fund		540 55	
Outstanding notes		6,280 00	
State Aid Bal. 1941		450 00	
Cemetery Balance		4 00	

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Total Liabilities	\$	9,386 09
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Net debt, February 1, 1945	\$	6,204 00
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Net gain for year	\$	1,006 41
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#### STATEMENT CONCERNING SNOW FENCES

Cost of handling snow fence for season	\$	558 67
Due back from State, rental of 35,100 ft. @ 4c.		1,404 00

#### STATEMENT CONCERNING TRACTOR

Earned this snow season from State	\$	2,145 84
Earned this snow season from St. Albans		99 15

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Total earnings	\$	2,244 99
Pd. for gas, oil, repairs, \$289.11		
Pd. for wing men's house, \$9.36		298 47

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Net profit earned by tractor	\$	1,946 52
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LINWOOD H. HASELTINE,  
H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
CHARLES E. SEVEY,

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

# Report of Treasurer

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Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1944	\$	366 38
Receipts		18,753 58
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Total receipts	\$	19,119 96
Pd. selectmen's warrants		19,015 04
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Cash in treas. Feb. 1, 1945	\$	104 92

## LIBRARY FUND

Amount in treasury, Feb. 1, 1944:		
Town note	\$850 00	
Cash	122 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 972 84
Rec'd on note		37 33
State Stipend		7 50
Fines and Dues		2 27
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Total	\$	1,019 94
Pd. for books and supplies		11 15
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Amt. in Treas. Feb. 1, 1945	\$	1,008 79
Town note	\$	950 00
Cash		58 79
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## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Town note	\$	1,161 54
Interest pd. for care of lots	\$	45 78

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HASELTINE,  
Treasurer of Ripley.



# Report of Town Clerk

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Marriages

1944

Feb. 13 Mr. Harold Grant to Miss Coris Rees.

Nov. 26 Mr. Charlie Downing to Isadore Delphina  
Richardson.

Dec. 13 Mr. Lloyd Cooley to Miss Frances Morey.

### Deaths

1944

June 6 Othnial L. Sawyer, age 63 yrs., 1 mo., 9 das.

Nov. 30 Nancy Etta Felker, age 79 yrs., 6 mo., 21 das.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELMA SEVEY,

Town Clerk.

# Report of Auditor

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June 13, 1944

To The Inhabitants of the Town of Ripley:

In accordance with the request of your municipal officers, this department, represented by M. G. Allen and L. D. Daniels, has completed an examination of the accounts of your town officials for the municipal year ended February 5, 1944.

In our opinion, based upon such examination, the accompanying exhibits and schedules fairly present the financial condition of your municipality as of that date, and summarize its fiscal transactions during the municipal year then ended; subject, however, to a further liability of \$27.55 on dog taxes due the state from the town and town clerk.

The data obtained by us is summarized in the following:

	Comments
Exhibit	A Balance Sheet
	B Cash Receipts and Disbursements
	C 1943 Valuation, Assessment & Collection
	D Statement of Departmental Operating Accounts
	E Analysis of Change in Net Deficit
Schedule	1 Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Bal.
	2 Summary of Taxes with Supporting Detail
	3 Summary of Tax Liens with Supporting Detail

- 4 Accounts Receivable
- 5 Trust Funds
- 6 Accounts Payable
- 7 Notes Payable

Respectfully submitted

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT,  
Harold E. Crawford,  
Municipal Auditor.

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## COMMENTS

### CASH

All receipts as recorded were examined and the cash for same was found to have been deposited in the bank currently, as summarized on Exhibit B.

Expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants, supported by invoices and pay-rolls on file, as summarized on Exhibits B and D.

The cash balance was reconciled with the bank as per detail shown on Schedule 1.

### TAXES - PROPERTY AND POLL

The 1943 tax commitment was found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records. The total commitment was accounted for by cash to the Treasurer, abatements, discounts and tax liens, as shown on Exhibit C. The unpaid prior years' taxes are summarized and detailed on Schedule 2.

Payments recorded as received during the year on tax liens appeared to have been applied against the proper items and those still remaining unpaid are summarized and detailed on Schedule 3.

The cash collections of the current year's taxes was 95.2% ; while all taxes collected during 1943, both current and prior, amounted to 116.1%, both as against the current commitment.

## EXCISE TAX

The excise tax collections were verified with copies of the receipts as follows: 1943 - Receipts No. 13 to 113.

PAID TO TREASURER (Ex. B) AND TRANSFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS (Ex. D) \$260.15

Excise tax collected for 1944 registration prior to February 5, 1944 was not turned over to the Treasurer until after the books closed. All taxes including excise tax should be deposited monthly with the Treasurer as required by statute.

## TRUST FUNDS

All trust funds were used by the town and are shown in detail on Schedule 5. It is recommended that the trust funds be reimbursed and invested in proper securities as required by law. Interest on these funds was transferred from the interest account to the Library, Cemetery and School Accounts.

## NET DEFICIT

Reference to Exhibit A indicates that as of the close of the municipal year, there was a Net Deficit in the amount of \$7,210.41 as compared to a Net Deficit of \$8,212.03 shown a year previous. This represents a beneficial change of \$1,001.62, which is analyzed on Exhibit E of this report.

## GENERAL

Our test check of paid invoices and payrolls indicated they were proper charges and correctly recorded.

Victory and Withholding Tax deductions were examined and appeared to be properly recorded. Deductions were made and held by the Treasurer and payments sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue each period.

The records of dog licenses issued by your Town Clerk showed collections in the sum of \$46.20, however, only \$44.55 was sent to the State Treasurer. Analysis of the dog tax account follows:

Reported by Assessors to State	\$	72 10
Paid State Treasurer		44 55
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DUE STATE	\$	27 55
Collected by Town Clerk	\$	46 20
Paid by Town Clerk		44 55
Due State from Town Clerk	\$	1 65
Due State from Town		25 90
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	\$	27 55

With the exception of cash and mortgage notes, no external verification was made of your asset and liability accounts.

All warrants should be signed by at least two Selectmen before checks are drawn by the Treasurer.

School payrolls should not only be signed by the Superintendent but also by at least two members of the School Committee before they are accepted by the Selectmen for payment.

**BALANCE SHEET - February 5, 1944**  
(compared with February 1, 1943)

EXHIBIT A

Subsidiary

ASSETS

		Feb. 1, 1944	Feb. 5, 1943
		\$	\$
1 Cash		366 38	67 80
2 Tax Accounts Uncollected:			
Taxes	\$ 164 38	\$ 2,218 99	
3 Tax Liens	759 16	479 18	
4 Accounts Receivable		923 54	2,698 17
Mortgage Note - Albert Sevey	700 00	345 25	571 89
Mortgage Note - Frank Alton	100 00		700 00
			150 00
		800 00	850 00
Total Assets		2,435 17	4,187 86
5 Trust Funds	2,552 09		2,552 09
Less - Used by Town	2,552 09		2,552 09
		0 00	0 00
Total Assets and Trust Investments		\$ 2,435 17	\$ 4,187 86

# LIABILITIES

6	Accounts Payable	\$	47 76	\$	38 65
7	Notes Payable		7,130 00		9,530 00
5	Due Trust Funds		2,552 09		2,552 09
	Due Governmental Agency: Victory Tax				13 11

	Total Liabilities		9,729 85		12,133 85
5	Trust Fund Reserve	\$	2,552 09	\$	2,552 09
	Less - Direct Liability Above		2,552 09		2,552 09

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		0 00	0 00
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# SURPLUS ACCOUNTS

Ex. D	Departmental Balances	84 27	266 04
	Forward (net)		
Ex. E	Net Deficit	7,210 42	8,212 03
	Total Liabilities, Trust Reserve and Surplus Accounts	7,294 68	7,945 99
		\$	2,435 17.
		\$	4,187 86

Note: See comments re: dog tax liability



# CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended February 5, 1944

EXHIBIT B  
\$ 67 80

Cash Balance - February 1, 1943

## Receipts

Property and Poll Taxes:

Current and Prior Yrs. (Sch. 2)

Tax Liens (Sch. 3)

\$ 10,486 22  
435 36

\$ 10,921 58  
260 15

Excise Tax - 1943

Departmental:

General Government

Highways and Bridges

Charities

Education

Library

Cemeteries

	From State	Other Sources
\$	35 18	\$ 407 30
	3,350 77	153 89
	347 10	30 00
	2,523 49	32 43
	7 50	4 00
	6,264 04	627 62

Unclassified			(Ex. D)	6,891	66
Accounts Receivable	412	34		126	35
Special Resolve	230	43			
Dog Licenses				44	55
Notes Receivable				50	00
	642	77		220	90
			863	67	
Temporary Loan	\$	6,906	81	1,000	00
Total Receipts	\$			19,937	06
Total Available	\$			20,004	86
Disbursements					
Departmental Operating Accts. (Ex. D)	\$	16,180	82		
Notes Payable		3,400	00		
Victory Tax		13	11		
Dog Licenses		44	55		
	\$			19,638	48
Cash Balance, Feb. 5, 1944 (Sch. 1)	\$			366	38

1943

# EXHIBIT C VALUATION, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION

Year ended February 5, 1944

Valuation:

Real Estate — Resident	\$ 107,910 00	
— Non-resident	32,385 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 140,295 00
Personal Estate — Resident	24,970 00	
Non-Resident	825 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 25,795 00
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Total Valuation		\$ 166,090 00

Assessment and Collection:

Valuation x Rate -

\$166,090 x .0545	\$ 9,051 91
93 Polls @ \$3.00	279 00
Gain in Computation	39

Tax Commitment*	9,331 30
Supplemental Tax (Ex. E)	12 00

Charged to Collector	\$ 9,343 30
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Credits to Collector:

Cash to Treasurer	\$ 8,898 80	
Discounts	163 17	
Abatements	6 00	
Tax Liens (Sch. 3)	275 33	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,343 30

Computation of Assessment:

* Tax Commitment	\$ 9,331 30
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Requirements:

Town Appropriations	\$ 7,363 00
State Tax	1,327 83
County Tax	265 37

Total Appropriations (Ex. D)	\$ 8,956 20
Overlay - Transferred to	<hr/>
Net Deficit (Ex. E)	\$ 375 .10

## EXHIBIT D

## STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING ACCOUNTS

	CREDITS			CHARGES			BALANCES	
	From Appropriations	Dept. Receipts.	Other	Total	Cash Disbursements	Overdraft	Unexpended	To 1944-45
General Government:								
Misc. Expense	\$300 00	\$ 442 48	\$260 15	\$ 1,002 63	\$ 1,567 42	\$564 79		
Protection:								
Street Lights	48 00			48 00	48 00			
Health and Sanitation:								
Public Health Nurse	20 00			20 00	20 00			
Highways and Bridges:								
Roads and Bridges	800 00			800 00	795 16		\$4 84	
Snow Removal	800 00	3,504 66		4,304 66	3,933 00		371 66	
Highway Patrol	400 00			400 00	379 80		20 20	
Maint. 3rd Class Rds. \$3 09	210 00			213 09	290 74			
Cutting Bushes	100 00			100 00	34 00	77 65	66 00	
State Aid Rd. Cons. 450 00				450 00				\$450 00
453 09	2,310 00	3,504 66		6,267 75	5,432 70	77 65	462 70	450 00
Charities								
Poor - Town	300 00	30 00		330 00	604 74	274 74		
Poor - State		347 10	312 05	659 15	659 15			
	300 00	377 10	312 05	989 15	1,263 89	274 74		

From 1942-43 yr.	Appropri- ations	Dept. Repts.	Other	Total	Cash Disbursements	Other	Over- draft	Unex- pended	To 1944-45
<b>Education</b>									
Schools	187 05	2,800 00	2,555 92		5,168 87	5,714 64			545 77
<b>Library:</b>									
Crocker Library		75 00	7 50	34 00	116 50	109 00			7 50
<b>Unclassified:</b>									
Memorial Day		10 00			10 00	2 40		7 60	
<b>Cemeteries:</b>									
Interest			4 00	46 46	50 46	46 46			4 00
<b>Debt and Interest:</b>									
Payment on Debt		1,000 00			1,000 00				
Interest		500 00		30	500 30	383 11		36 73	
		1,500 00		30	1,500 30	383 11		36 73	
<b>Special Assessments:</b>									
State Tax		1,327 83			1,327 83				
County Tax		265 37			265 37				
		1,593 20			1,593 20				
Total All Depts.	\$266 04	\$ 8,956 20	\$ 6,891 66	\$652 96	\$ 16,766 86	\$ 16,180 82	\$917 18	\$507 03	\$84 27
Exhibits	(A)	(C)	(B)			(B)	(E)	(E)	(A)

# ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET DEFICIT

EXHIBIT E

Year ended February 5, 1944

Net Deficit - February 1, 1943 (Ex. A)

Transactions affecting prior years:

Credit - Special Resolve (Overdraft -

lapsed previous year) (Ex. B)

Charge - Tax accts. charged off

Net Credits Affecting Prior Years

Transactions affecting current year:

Operating Accounts -

Charges - Departmental Bal. (Ex. D)

Overdraft

Unexpended

\$ 8,212 03

\$ 230 43

36 59

193 84

33

\$ 8,018 19

\$ 917 18

507 03

410 15

- Abatements (no appro.)  
 - Discounts (no appro.)

\$ 6 00  
 163 17

169 17 (Sch. 2)  
579 32

Credits - Overlay (Ex. C)  
 - Supplemental Tax (Ex. C)  
 - Appropriation for Payment  
 on Debt

375 10  
 12 00

1,000 00  
1,387 10

Net Credits for Current Year

\$ 807 78

Net Deficit -Feb. 5, 1944 (Ex. A)

\$ 7,210 41



# SCHEDULE 2

## SUMMARY OF TAXES WITH SUPPORTING DETAIL

Year ended February 5, 1944

Year	Uncollected 2-1-43	New Taxes \$9,343 30	Collected \$ 8,898 80	Abatements & Discounts \$169 17	Tax Liens \$275 33	Adjust- ments	Uncoll. 2-5-44
1943							
1942	\$1,940 59		1,384 31		446 01	\$ 7 91	\$118 18
1941	211 70		169 70			1 20	43 20
1940	36 11		33 41			30	3 00
1939	1 08					1 08	.
1938	29 51					29 51	
	\$ 2,218 99 (Ex. A)	\$ 9,343 30 (Ex. C)	\$ 10,486 22 (Ex. B)	\$ 169 17 (Ex. E)	\$ 721 34 (Sch. 3)	\$ 21 18	\$ 164 38 (Ex. A)

	1942	1941	1940	Total
Lane, Roy - Heirs	\$	\$ 5 10	\$	\$ 5 10
McDougal, George	51 87			51 87
Perkins, Leroy	3 00			3 00
Philbrick, Roscoe	27 23	29 10		56 33
Philbrick, Wilbur	3 00			3 00
Randall, A. C.	12 98			12 98
Rees, William	20 10			20 10
Sampson, K. C.		3 00	3 00	6 00
Wooden, Charles		6 00		6 00
	\$118 18	\$43 20	\$3 00	\$164 38

## RECONCILLIATION OF TREASURER'S BALANCE

February 5, 1944

Balance per bank statement - Feb. 25, '44	\$	903 80
Deduct - Outstanding checks		537 42
Cash Balance - Feb. 5, 1944 (Ex. A and B)	\$	366 38

## SCHEDULE 3

### SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS WITH SUPPORTING DETAIL

Year ended February 5, 1944

Year	Uncoll. 2-1-43	New Liens	Col.	Adjust.	Uncoll' 2-5-44
1943	\$	\$275 33	\$	\$ Ex.C	\$275 33
1942		446 01			446 01
1941	466 56		435 36	6 00	25 20
1940	12 62				12 62
	\$479 18	\$721 34	\$435 36	\$6 00	\$759 16
	(Ex. A)	(Sch. 2)	(Ex. B)		(Ex. A)
	1943	1942	1941	1940	Total
Cooley, Coburn	29 98	31 35			61 33
Damon, L. R.		5 70	6 00	5 62	17 32
Hopkins, Donald	11 00		19 20		30 20
Kimball, Marie	162 60	68 40			221 00
Lane, Roy - Heirs	5 45	7 13			12 58

Lane, Mrs. John - Heirs	96 90		96 90
Morrill, Lemuel		7 00	7 00
Mountain, Frederick - Bernard	14 25		14 25
Perkins, Leroy	42 75		42 75
Philbrick, Roscoe	51 30		51 30
Randall, A. C.	9 95		9 95
Robinson, Mary - Estate	4 09	4 28	8 37
Sevey, John		114 00	114 00
Tewksbury, Aaron	39 51		39 51
Vicnaire, Joseph	32 70		32 70
	275 33	446 01	25 20
		12 62	759 16

## SCHEDULE 4

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

February 5, 2944

Due from State - Charity - '43-44	\$312 05	
- Teachers' Retirement Asso		
(overpaid)	17	
	<hr/>	\$ 312 22
Due from Excise Tax Collector		
- 1942-43 year		2 08
Miscellaneous:		
Bubar, Earl	\$ 8 80	
Farrar, Gertrude	1 10	
Neal, Maurice	10 00	
Pingree, Lester	04	
Pierce and Hall	10 00	
Sevey, Elmer	1 01	
	<hr/>	\$ 30 95
(Exhibit A)	\$	345 25

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Receipts

Appropriation, March 1944	\$ 3,500 00
State School Fund	921 75

## SCHEDULE 5

## TRUST FUNDS

Year ended February 5, 1944

	Balances 2-1-43	Interest Earned    Used		Balances 2-5-44
Cemetery Perpetual Care:				
Carr, Mrs. T. C.	\$ 102 45	\$ 4 10	\$ 4 10	\$ 102 45
Crocker, Olive	53 27	2 13	2 13	53 27
Farrar, Arthur	50 00	2 00	2 00	50 00
Farrar, George	102 33	4 09	4 09	102 33
Hamilton, Nora	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
Hanson, C. E.	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
Jones, John	171 49	6 86	6 86	171 49
Page Josiah	106 00	4 24	4 24	106 00
Prescott, Noah	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
Ramsdell, Edgar H.	100 00	4 00	4 00	100 00
Stone, Jessie M.	50 00	2 00	2 00	50 00
Tripp, Bartlett	126 00	5 04	5 04	126 00
	1,161 54	46 46	46 46	1,161 54
Library:				
Crocker Library Fund	850 00	34 00	34 00	850 00
Ministerial and School Fund	540 55	32 43	32 43	540 55
	\$ 2,552 09	\$112 89	\$112 89	\$ 2,552 09
	(Exhibit A)			(Exhibit A)

All funds used by town.

## SCHEDULE 6

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

February 5, 1944

Due Collector - 1942	\$	7 91	
- 1941		1 20	
		<hr/>	\$ 9 11
Miscellaneous:			
Bane, Linwood	\$	1 56	
Bubar, Laurel		2 80	
Bunker, Robert		3 04	

Cemetery Com., Treas.	4 00	
Cooney, Hugh	04	
Downing, Charles	20	
Felker, Vera	3 00	
Greaves, George	9 26	
Hopkins, Don	3 05	
Mills, Weston	5 00	
Randall, A. C.	6 50	
Yakemore, Alex	20	
	<hr/>	\$ 38 65
(Exhibit A)	\$	<hr/> 47 76

# SCHEDULE 7

## NOTES PAYABLE

February 5, 1944

Payee	No.	Purpose	Date	Rate	\$
Wakefield, H. L.,	66	Tax Anticipation	2-2-30	4%	200 00
Ellms, Eva	53	"	6-2-38	4%	300 00
Hemenway, Clyde	52	"	6-10-38	4%	550 00
Litchfield B. H.	49	"	6-10-38	4%	300 00
Wakefield, John & Vesta	47	"	6-1-38	4%	380 00
Wakefield, John	58	"	10-15-38	4%	400 00
Farrar, Gertrude	61	"	3-21-39	4%	800 00
Farrar, Chester	65	"	11-14-39	4%	1,000 00
Haseltine, F. L. & Bertha	56	"	11-18-39	4%	200 00
Page, J. Edward	67	"	2-16-40	4%	1,000 00
Ellms, Eva	71	"	3-14-42	4%	500 00
Hemenway, A. C.	72	"	3-30-42	4%	500 00
Hemenway, Clyde	73	"	3-26-43	4%	1,000 00
(Exhibit A)					\$ 7,130 00

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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To the Citizens of Ripley:

A brief summary of the school situation in Ripley is submitted by the school officials.

Three schools are in operation this year as has been the case for several years past. Boys and girls living in the areas not accessible to these school buildings are being transported to Dexter and Harmony. At the present time only two children living in the northern part of the town are being conveyed to Dexter. Five elementary school pupils are attending school in Harmony. Twenty-one of our children are enrolled in High School, eighteen of these are attending N. H. Fay High School in Dexter. Two are attending Hartland Academy, and one is enrolled in Harmony High School. The cost of tuition of these schools has been increased during the past year. The charge at Dexter is \$90. a year, Hartland Academy is \$95. a year and Harmony High School \$100. a year.

Enrollments in the town schools are as follows:

Head of the Pond School	17
Jones School	19
Mills School	25

Ripley may consider itself fortunate to have women in the town willing to give of their time to serve us as teachers, when so many of the rural schools in the



state are staffed with incompetent personnel, or closed entirely.

The School Calendar adopted for the present school year reads as follows:

When school is in session, the following holidays will be observed by closing school:

Labor Day September 4

State Teachers' Convention, October 26 - 27

Armistice Day November 11, 1944

Thanksgiving Day

as proclaimed by the Governor

New Years Day January 1, 1945

Patriots Day April 19, 1945

Memorial Day May 30, 1945

The following days will be observed by appropriate exercises in school:

Columbus Day October 12, 1944

Lincoln's Birthday February 12, 1945

Washington's Birthday February 22, 1945

Temperance Day March 3, 1945

Arbor Day as proclaimed by the Governor

#### Schedule of Terms

Begins	Closes	Weeks
September 11	December 22	15 weeks
January 2		

The remaining number of weeks of school will be divided into two terms, the vacation coming at the period of the year when the roads are impassable. School will close on approximately June 8, 1945.

Ripley is eligible for money from the equalization fund. If we are to benefit from this fund, we must have a school year of 180 school days. Because of the difficulty in operating two of our schools during the mud season, it would seem advisable to open school not later than the first week in September.

May we commend the services of our school nurse given elsewhere in this report. Medical examinations were carried on under the direction of Dr. A. C. Strout, this examination should be continued during the coming years. The parents are urged to have the corrections recommended by our school nurse and school doctor, made as soon as possible. A child's health is of utmost importance if he is to get the greatest benefit from the time he spends in school.

Our teachers are carrying on the Noon Lunch program as in former years. This year assisted by the War Food Administration, a small sum of money is available for the purchase of materials not otherwise possible. It enables the children to benefit by a better lunch. If we are to receive the fullest benefit from this project, some method of parent cooperation must be worked out, to relieve the teachers of at least a part of the work of preparing the lunch.

### SCHOOL REPAIRS

The Head of the Pond School and the Mills Schools are in fairly good shape. It will be necessary to varnish the floors and repair the seats. The Jones School has reached a condition where, for the sake of the children attending this school, the building should be discarded or major repairs made. A special appropriation will have to be made for this purpose.

### FINANCES

Our overdraft has grown to \$961.64 during the past year.

State High School Tuition		
Reimbursement	700 00	
Town of St. Albans Elementary		
Tuition	144 00	
Town of St. Albans	28 00	
Interest on permanent		
School Fund	32 43	
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## Expenditures

Overdraft from municipal year		
1943-1944	\$ 545 77	
Instruction	2,305 30	
Fuel	217 30	
Janitor and Cleaning	150 99	
Conveyance	763 16	
Elementary Tuition	347 37	
Secondary Tuition	1,770 34	
Textbooks	81 98	
Supplies	68 52	
Lights	28 52	
Repairs	8 74	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,287 82
Net Overdraft		<hr/>
	\$	961 64

Listed below is an estimated budget for the municipal year 1944-1945:

In order to take care of all the overdraft in one year it would be necessary for the town to raise \$4,700. It is recommended that an appropriation of \$4,100. be made for the municipal year 1944-1945 and that the balance of the overdraft be carried through the next year. This appropriation will give us sufficient money for the operation of the school and in addition will insure our continued participation in the equalization fund.

## Estimated Expenditures

Teachers Salaries	\$ 2,700 00
Fuel	250 00
Janitor and Cleaning	175 00
Conveyance	1,000 00
Elementary Tuition	150 00
Secondary Tuition	2,100 00
Textbooks	75 00
Supplies	75 00
Lights	35 00
Overdraft, Feb. 1, 1944	170 64
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Total	\$ 7,555 64

## Estimated Resources

State School Fund	\$ 1,400 00
Equalization	1,245 00
Interest on Permanent School Fund	32 00
Elementary Tuition	144 00
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Total	\$ 2,821 00
Necessary appropriation to care for overdraft	\$ 4,734 64
Recommended appropriation	\$ 4,100 00

In closing, our thanks is extended to the town officers, teachers and parents, for making a successful school year possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WAKEFIELD,  
BERTHA KITTRIDGE,  
CHARLES SEVEY,  
School Committee.

O. J. GUPTILL,  
Superintendent of Schools.

## REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following is a summary of the health work carried on the past year:

### A. HEALTH SERVICE TO SCHOOLS

Class room visits	21
No. conferences with teachers or Supt.	21
Height, weight and general inspection in January and September in Mills, Jones, and Pond Schools	
Total number of inspections by nurse	51
Total number of examinations by doctor	56
Number with defective vision	7
Number with corrected vision	1
Number with defective teeth	33
Number with enlarged tonsils	19
Number with corrected tonsils since last exam.	1
Number with defective glands	2
Number with defective hearts	3

### B. IMMUNIZATION

Diphtheria	22
Small pox	12

### C. CRIPPLED CHILDREN

No. home visits	2
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### D. HEALTH SUPERVISION

No. adults visited	1
No. school children visited	1
No. infants visited	2

## RECOMMENDATIONS

For the continuation and improvement of the Health Program, the following recommendations are suggested:

1. Corrections of defects found at time of physical examinations made in schools.
2. Continuation of communicable disease control by immunization clinics.
3. Continuation of physical examinations by physician.
4. Cleaning of outside toilets semi-annually.

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER PUBLIC HEALTH ASSO.,

By: Elizabeth Baker, R. N.













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